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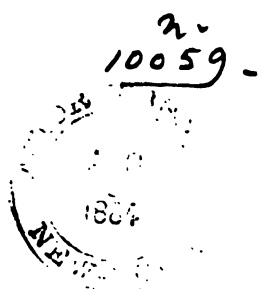


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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City Hall. }

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1878—1 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, January, 14, 1878. }

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, being an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873; and section 1 of chapter 779, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for County purposes," passed June 14, 1873; and chapter 304, being an act entitled "An act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 303, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 308, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874. A meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and

the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, January 15, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated January 14, 1878.

SMITH ELY, Jr.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
January 14, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

Mayor :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$50,000 "New York County Court House Stock, No. 5," \$68,000 "Croton Water Main Stock," and \$25,000 "Additional Croton Water Stock," and for the transaction of any business that may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

INDORSED:

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us, this 14th day of January, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor :

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller :

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,

President of the Board of Aldermen ;

JOHN WHEELER,

President of the Department of

Taxes and Assessments.

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York* ;

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York* ;

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen* ;

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meetings held December 28 and 29, 1877, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "New York County Court House Stock, No. 5," "Croton Water Main Stock," and "Additional Croton Water Stock."

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, January 10, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

Mayor, and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir,—By the provisions of chapters 56 and 323 of the Laws of 1871, chapter 477, Laws of 1875, and chapter 445, Laws of 1877, authority is given for the issue of additional Croton Water Stock, to provide for the further supply of pure and wholesome water for the use of the City of New York.

The amount heretofore called for having been nearly exhausted, for work done, materials furnished, lands purchased, etc., requisition is hereby made for the further issue of such stock, to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for the use of this Department.

Very respectfully,

ALLEN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Additional Croton Water Stock," as authorized by chapters 56 and 328, Laws of 1871, to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, on account of requisition of the Department of Public Works, of January 10, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Croton Water-main Stock," as authorized by Chapter 447, Laws of 1875, to the amount of sixty-eight thousand dollars, in full of requisition of the Department of Public Works, of August 15, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution :

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

THE COMPTROLLER presented the following statement :

Contracts for Completion of the New County Court House.

No.	CONTRACTOR.	ESTIMATED EXPENSE.	PAYMENTS.
3900	Sinclair & Milne, for stone work	\$302,631 00	\$218,000 00
3901	J. & W. C. Spears, for mason work.....	41,131 00	31,000 00
3902	John Kerby, for carpenter work.....	17,906 00	7,000 00
3903	Heuvelman, Haven & Co., for iron work ..	19,810 00	7,000 00
4193	Post & McCord, for iron work for roof...	5 465 00	.....

Total contracts..... \$386,943 00

Payments..... 263,000 00

Balance of Contracts..... \$123,943 00

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by provisions of Section 112 of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "New York County Court House Stock, No. 5," as authorized by Section 7, Chapter 583, Laws of 1871,

fifty thousand dollars, in full of requisitions of June 11, 1877, and November 21, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen—3.

Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—1.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of sixteen thousand four hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty-eight cents, be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation entitled, "Cleaning Streets under Police Department," for 1875, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations for 1877, which are insufficient or required, viz. :

"New York State Inebriate Asylum".....	\$477 00
"Jurors' Fees".....	3,924 00
"Salary of the Physician to the Jail of the City and County of New York, as provided for in the New Code of Civil Procedure".	55 00
"Coroners' Fees".....	2,878 00
"Contingencies—Comptroller's Office".....	55 35
"Sheriff's Fees".....	8,015 50

"Advertising"	688 43
"Armories and Drill-rooms, for wages of Armors ers".....	339 00
Total.....	<u>\$16,432 28</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "New York Infirmary for Women and Children," for the care and obstetric attendance given to eight homeless and needy mothers in said institution, from December 1 to December 31, 1877, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 101, Laws of 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution :

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, }
New York, January 23, 1878. }

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, being an act entitled "An Act to re-organize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and section 1 of chapter 779, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14, 1873 ; and chapter 304, being an act entitled "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and chapter 303, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and chapter 308, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the City of

New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Wednesday, January 23, 1878, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated January 23, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
January 22, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor :*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Wednesday, the 23d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting on any business that may be brought before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 23d day of January, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—The following members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent :

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held January 15, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of "Assessment Bonds."

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue, at such time and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds" for the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars, in pursuance of Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative--*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred and thirty-four dollars and ninety-three cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund, for the support of forty-eight inmates of the "Home for Fallen and Friendless Girls," from October 1 to December 31, 1877, inclusive, at the rate of \$150 per annum, pursuant to Chapter 868, Laws of 1873.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)*
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—3.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of seven hundred dollars and seventy-eight cents be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets under Police Department" for 1875, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations for 1877, which are insufficient, viz. :

"Contingencies—Comptroller's Office".....	\$11 83
"Armories and Drill-rooms—For wages of Armorers.	165 00
"Advertising".....	523 95
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Total.....	\$700 78
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The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand six hundred and forty-three dollars and seventy cents be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets under Police Department" for 1875, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations, which are insufficient, viz. :

" Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books, 1873....	\$2,336 45
" " " 1874....	338 00
" " " 1875....	388 25
" " " 1876....	81 00
" Sheriff's Fees," 1876.....	7,500 00
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Total.....	\$10,643 70
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.*

The Secretary presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }
NEW YORK, January 16, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN WHEELER, *Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment* :

SIR,—The Board of Commissioners governing this Department, at their meeting held this day, adopted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is requested to transfer the sum of two hundred and eighty-four (\$284) dollars from the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," etc., 1874, for the purposes of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," etc., 1873, which is insufficient.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM IRWIN,
Secretary Department Public Parks.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, }
300 MULBERRY STREET, }
NEW YORK, January 18, 1878. }

The Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN,—The Mayor recently deemed it his duty to prefer charges of official mal-administration and neglect of duty against a majority of the Police Board.

In preparing and presenting their defence they necessarily incurred considerable expense, which, in view of the fact that

the charges were dismissed, it is believed should not be borne by the Commissioners personally.

At a meeting of the Board of Police, held on the 15th inst., the following resolution was adopted, and a copy ordered to be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to provide for the payment of the expenses incurred by the Police Commissioners, DeWitt C. Wheeler, Joel B. Erhardt and Sidney P. Nichols, members of the Board of Police, in defending themselves against charges recently preferred against them, which charges were dismissed, or to authorize this Department to pay such expenses from the moneys heretofore appropriated to it.

Very respectfully, and by order of the Board,

S. C. HAWLEY,
Chief Clerk.

Which was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, February 18, 1878. }

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, being an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873; and section 1 of chapter 779, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14, 1873; and chapter 304, being an act entitled "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York. and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 303, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 308, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called

of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, February 19, 1878, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated February 18, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
February 18, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor :*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$35,000 "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," authorized by chapter 351, Laws of 1875, and acting on such matters as may be brought before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 18th day of February, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen;*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held January 23, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," and Bonds of the Mayor,, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
February 18, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

On the 2d of June, 1875, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks made a requisition on the Comptroller for the issue of \$200,000 "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," the amount authorized to be raised and expended by Section 2, Chapter 351, Laws of 1875, for the equipment of the building of the Museum of Natural History, erected in the Central Park, under the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 290, Laws of 1871. On reports made by the Comptroller on April 16 and October 16, 1877, that contracts and agreements amounting to the sum of \$161,833.85 had been entered into by the Department of Public Parks, for performing the work so

provided for, resolutions were adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, authorizing the Comptroller to issue said stock to the amount of \$165,000.

The contracts made by the Department of Public Parks for this work, and filed in this Department, amount to \$176,561, and bills without contract have also been incurred to the amount of \$15,818.02, making the total expense for work and materials at this date \$192,379.02.

In order to meet these contracts and bills as they fall due, and such other expenses as may be necessary for the same purpose, it will be necessary to issue the balance of said Consolidated Stock, amounting to the sum of \$35,000, and I herewith submit a resolution for that purpose.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the provisions of Section 112, of Chapter 335, of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as authorized by Chapter 351, Laws of 1875, to the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, in full of requisition of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, dated June 2, 1875.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 9, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

The Commissioners having the authority conferred upon them by the provisions of Chapter 429, Laws of 1876, to determine the amount of a fair and reasonable compensation for the actual use and occupation of any building or buildings in the City of New York, as armories and drill-rooms for any regiment or other organization of the National Guard of the State of New York, between January 1, 1871, and May 1, 1876, have filed in the Comptroller's office on February 8, 1878, a report and certificate in writing of their determination upon the following claim, brought before them pursuant to said act, to wit :

For rent of the rear portion of the first floor of the building on the east side of the Bowery, known as Nos. 291 and 293 Bowery, also the rear building on the south side of First street, connecting, known as No. 21 First street, from January 7 to May 1, 1874.

The said Commissioners have determined that for the use and occupation of the said premises by an organization of the National Guard of the State of New York, during such period

as has not been paid for, namely, from January 7 to May 1, 1874, the aggregate compensation shall be four hundred dollars (\$400). The claim for rent amounted to \$1,666.66.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the provisions of Section 112, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and payable at a period not to exceed three years from the date thereof, the amount certified and reported by the Commissioners appointed by and under Chapter 429, Laws of 1876, as determined by them, to be paid as compensation for the actual use and occupation of the following premises as an armory and drill-room: Rear portion of the first floor of the building on the east side of the Bowery, known as Nos. 291 and 293 Bowery, also the rear building on the south side of First street, connecting, known as No. 21 First street, from January 7th to May 1st, 1874, four hundred dollars (\$400).

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution :

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
February 18, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Bonds issued by the late town of West Farms for Roads and Bridges, Nos. 8, 9, 10, for \$500 each, held by Wm. D. Lent, and No. 12, for \$500, held by B. Byrne, were due on February 1, 1878, and have been presented for payment.

The Finance Department has refused to recognize this class of bonds, but, on an examination of the question, the Corporation Counsel gave an opinion some time since, that the City is liable for their payment.

As no appropriation for the purpose has been made, it is, therefore, necessary to make a transfer of \$2,000 from some unexpended appropriation in order to provide for their payment, and save the City the expense of useless litigation.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for "Interest on the City Debt," for 1877, the same being in

excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Redemption of the Debt of the annexed territory of Westchester County," for 1878, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The CONTROLLER presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, January 28, 1878. }

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That a respectful application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer from the unexpended balance of the Police Fund of 1876 to the account of Police Fund of 1877, of the sum of sixty-six dollars, to enable the Treasurer of Police to pay a judgment recovered by Augustus Miller, a Sergeant of the Police Force, against William F. Smith, DeWitt C. Wheeler, Joel

P. Erhardt, and Sidney P. Nichols, Commissioners of Police.

Very respectfully,

S. C. HAWLEY,

Chief Clerk.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of thirteen hundred and sixty-one dollars and forty-six cents be, and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

" Cleaning streets under Police Department,"	
1875.....	\$1,295 46
" Police Fund," 1876.....	66 00
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Total.....	\$1,361 46
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—to the following appropriations for 1877, which are insufficient or require the same, viz. :

" Incumbrances in Harbor, Removal of".....	\$1,000 00
" Police Fund ".....	66 00
" Advertising".....	119 30
Contingencies—District Attorney's Office	176 16
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Total.....	\$1,361 46
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and eighty-four dollars
be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropria-
tion for " Cleaning Streets under Police Department " for
1875, the same being in excess of the amount required for
the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for
" Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places " for
1873, the same being insufficient.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communications :

Gentlemen of the Excise Board :

" The Gilbert Library and Prisoners' Aid Society " was duly incorporated during the past year. We shall seek the necessary

funds for carrying on the work of the Society from private subscriptions, and from such boards as your own.

We propose placing a Library of readable, non-sectarian, elevating books in each of our prisons and jails; and in aiding the prisoner when released to obtain honest elevating employment. By placing these men and women in positions, or ourselves giving them employment as peddlers, etc., we hope to save them from a return to the same or someother prison or jail, and the community from the expense of their support. We would thus save them from crime—and what is only a grade less—pauperism. We will also in needed and worthy cases, supply the families of the prisoner, during his incarceration.

Our books of account are always open to the inspection of your Board, and annual reports of receipts and expenditures will be made. If you desire, the society will appear before you by an authorized representative.

Should you desire your appropriation devoted to any special object, please name it, and we will so use it.

We ask you to aid us by the appropriation of two thousand dollars.

Awaiting your early answer, we are, gentlemen.

The Gilbert Library and Prisoners' Aid Society.

ALFRED NELSON,	}	Board of Managers.
R. H. GILBERT,		
LINDE GILBERT,		

Temporary business office, No. 58 Broadway, New York.

P. S.—The money to be received from your Board will not be used for the purchase of books, but will be wholly applied to the purchase of food and clothing, payment of lodging expenses, and securing employment for discharged prisoners.

NEW YORK, January 29, 1878.

NDW YORK, January 29, 1878.

To the Honorable the Board of Apportionment :

The free system for the inspection of weights and measures having been abolished by the Board of Aldermen, the undersigned Inspector of Weights and Measures, would most respectfully request you to fix a salary for such services, and as the faithful performance of the duties of such Inspector requires an assistant, a reasonable compensation for him also.

The requirements of the office are one Inspector for each Inspection District.

Office room in any of the public buildings.

The services of a horse and wagon for carting heavy weights (2,000 lbs.) for at least one month in each year, and oftener if required, in order to test coal, hay and ice scales ; also Weigh-master's beams, stationery, such as bill-books, stating the name and address of each person using scales, weights and measures inspected, said book to be delivered to the Comptroller or such person as you may designate at the end of each month, in case your Honorable Body should intend collecting the fees for such services, and which would more than defray the expenses for the maintenance of said office, and thereby add to the revenues of the City.

Printed notices, intended for persons using scales, weights and measures not conformable to the standard, commanding such persons to send them to the office of the City Sealer of Weights and Measures to be adjusted and sealed as now provided by law.

By giving this your earliest attention you would greatly oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,

THEODORE S. KENT,

Inspector of Weights and Measures, Second District.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—In a communication which we had the honor to lay before you some few months since in reference to the institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction of this City, we stated that in our opinion it was necessary to establish a new asylum for the chronic insane, and suggested the purchase of land for this purpose. A special act of the Legislature being required to enable the City to acquire real estate, we now address you again to request that you will at once take steps to secure the passage of such an act.

In order that there may be no doubt as to the necessity of extra accommodation for the criminals, paupers, and insane of this city, or that the best way to provide such extra accommodation is to establish a new insane asylum, we have obtained the following figures, showing both the number of inmates for which the most important buildings on the various islands were intended and the actual number of inmates in each building on January 1, 1878.

CHARITY HOSPITAL.

Intended capacity.....	966
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	943

PENITENTIARY.

Cells on Blackwell's Island.....	736
Cells on Randall's Island	54
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	790
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Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	1,148

ALMS-HOUSE.

Standing beds.....	1,164
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	1,333

WORK-HOUSE.

Bunks.....	1,120
Inmates, January 1, 1878	914

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Intended capacity.....	986
Inmates	1,296

HOMEOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

Number of beds for patients....	400
Work-house help.....	76
Insane men	79
Insane women.....	71
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	626
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	615

INSANE ASYLUM.

Main Building—	
Intended capacity.....	434
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	576
Emigration Building, lent for one year—	
Capacity.....	300
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	200

RANDALL'S ISLAND.

South Hospital, boys.....	64
North Hospital, girls	58
Idiot Asylum... ..	92
Hopeless idiots, boys.....	25
Hopeless idiots, girls.....	24
Large idiot boys	31
Pavilion for sick idiots.....	14
Branch Charity Hospital, men.....	51

Branch Charity Hospital, women	43
Branch Insane Asylum	125
Infants' Hospital, mothers	100
Infants' Hospital, children	228
Work-house prisoners
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	855
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HART'S ISLAND.

Insane women	88
Work-house prisoners	224
Patients	296

These figures show that there were, on January 1, 1878, on Blackwell's, Ward's, Randall's and Hart's Islands, fourteen hundred and fifty-five insane women, and nine hundred and eighty insane men, or twenty-four hundred and thirty-five lunatics in all, while the two asylums built for this class of unfortunates were intended to accommodate respectively nine hundred and eighty-six, and four hundred and thirty-four inmates, leaving a surplus of one thousand and fifteen patients to be housed in any way that can be devised. Of these one thousand and fifteen surplus patients, four hundred and fifty-two are crowded into the asylums, injuring the other patients and themselves being injured by the close contact. The rest are distributed as follows: Seventy-one women and seventy-nine men are in the Homœopathic Hospital on Ward's Island, where two patients occupy each room—two hundred men are in a building on Ward's Island, borrowed from the Bureau of Emigration for one year only, sleeping in dormitories containing each one hundred beds; one hundred and twenty-five are on Randall's Island, and eighty-eight women on Hart's Island.

This distribution means that these insane men and women are kept in buildings not intended for them, and usually under

the charge of persons who have had little or no experience in dealing with the insane, and the result must be an increase in the number of chronic cases, for many who might recover under more favorable circumstances lose every chance of improvement crowded together as they are. It is to be remembered also that there is year by year a steady increase in the number of insane, and that consequently, the evils will become greater and greater.

Besides the surplus insane there are one hundred and sixty-nine more men in the Penitentiary than there are cells, and there is no room at all in the building for the one hundred and eighty-three women prisoners, who sleep over the work-shops in large open dormitories. In the Alms-house also there were on January 1st, one hundred and sixty-nine more inmates than beds.

Were the extra number of insane provided for as we suggest, all the sick who naturally belong on Blackwell's Island, where they would receive adequate medical attendance, could be returned from Randall's and Hart's Islands, and the latter island used as a branch of the Penitentiary. It is peculiarly fitted for a reformatory for young prisoners, being at a distance from the city and affording facilities for classification and for farm work,

There is indeed the most urgent need of classification throughout the whole Department, but no step forward is possible while the excessive number of insane patients keeps so large a proportion of all the buildings overcrowded. The moment this pressure was removed, great improvement would be possible.

We therefore again urge you to ask at once for a law authorizing the City of New York to buy land for the purpose of establishing an insane asylum outside the city.

January 14th, 1878.

Respectfully,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT,

JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL,

Commissioners of the State Board of Charities.

50 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK, January 31, 1878. }

*To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment
of the City of New York:*

GENTLEMEN—Referring to the communication to you by the Commissioners of the State Board of Charities of the 14th instant, I beg to call your attention to the fact that an act has already been passed by the Legislature, and is in force, giving the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction in the City of New York full power to acquire title on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, etc., to all or any part of the land on Ward's Island, not owned by the City—the price, if not agreed to by the owners, to be determined by arbitration.

(Laws of 1872, chapter 679.)

The upland on Ward's Island, not owned by the City, and not embraced in the land between high and low water mark, consists of lots 7, 8, 22, 23, 61, 62 and 63 on the Ward's Island Map—in all 18 acres, 1 rood and 8 perches, strict measure, and will furnish sufficient accommodation for the poor and insane of the City for many years to come.

The private property on Ward's Island has been ruined by the City for the purposes of private use, notwithstanding which it is annually taxed for City purposes.

From time to time, during the last twenty-years, negotiations have been had between the City and the private owners for a sale to the City of their interests, but without avail.

The Act of 1872 was passed with the concurrence of the Commissioners then in office, as I understand, and in fact, in that year, after the passage of the act, negotiations were again opened, and the arbitration agreement was drawn by me and submitted on behalf of all the property owners to the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, and by that Board formally referred to its counsel.

One or two clauses in the agreement being objected to by counsel, some delay occurred, and the matter was finally dropped.

I may say that I am still authorized, on behalf of the private owners, to sell the property designated to the City, either under the act referred to, or otherwise, and I think you will agree, on consulting the map and the location of the lots, that it would be much more advantageous to the City to purchase them than to look elsewhere.

I remain yours,

Very respectfully,

DWIGHT H. OLMSTEAD.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES, }
120 EAST THIRTIETH STREET, JANUARY 28, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller, etc.* :

Dear Sir—Mr. Donnelly, Commissioner of the State Board of Charities, writes me that he has talked with you in regard to a plan for improving the condition of the insane in our City asylums, by the purchase of land for a new insane asylum, and that you are convinced that, in the present financial condition of the City, no such plan ought to be approved.

I cannot agree with this view, because I feel sure that, apart from the obligations which the City is under to care for her insane in a humane manner, such a measure as we propose would result in the truest economy. Under the present system acute attacks of insanity in many patients sent to the insane asylums of our City are increased in duration and severity, owing to want of proper care and accommodation, while other cases which, with better management might have been cured, become chronic. This statement I make on the authority of the published report of Dr. Parsons, who, for nine years, was Medical Superintendent of the Asylum on Blackwell's Island.

Thus the very attempt to save money one year entails on the City a heavy expense for many years.

I understand that large tracts of land can be bought on Long Island for a very low price per acre, from ten to twenty dollars, so that \$20,000 would buy one thousand acres or more. The land once bought, one or two pavilions could be put up for the use of insane patients from Ward's Island, who then, under competent superintendence, could help to build more of the same kind.

I have sent to-day to the Board of Apportionment a letter signed by Mr. Theodore Roosevelt and myself some two weeks since, asking action in this matter. The letter has been kept back for various reasons, but I think it right to send it now.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL,

Commissioner, etc.

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

The following communications were presented :

OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, January 28, 1878. }

To the Honorable the Board of

Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—I have received a copy of a communication addressed to your Honorable Board, signed by the Chief Clerk of the Department of Police, by order of that Board, referred to me by your honorable body.

It states that the Mayor recently deemed it his duty to prefer charges of official maladministration and neglect of duty against a majority of the Police Board. That in preparing and presenting their defense they necessarily incurred considerable expense, which, in view of the fact that the charges were dis-

missed, it is believed should not be borne by the Commissioners personally, and that at a meeting of the Board, on the 15th inst., it was resolved that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide for the payment of the expense incurred by the Police Commissioners, Messrs. Wheeler, Erhardt and Nichols, members of the Board of Police, in defending themselves against said charges, or that the Department be authorized to pay such expenses from the moneys theretofore appropriated to it.

In considering the subject referred to in the communication, I have endeavored to ascertain what the precedents have been. None can be found applicable to precisely the investigation referred to in the communication, because the proceeding is novel. I find, however, a large number of cases in which the Legislature has made appropriations for the purpose of paying the expenses of public officials charged and put upon their defense, where the charges were subsequently dismissed. There are no precedents upon either side, in the case of proceedings before the Mayor, the provision for that investigation having been first introduced into our municipal law by the Charter of 1873. Of such appropriations by the Legislature the following may be referred to :

Laws of 1869, volume 2, page 1928. "Appropriation for the counsel of Robert C. Dorn, in full for services, six thousand dollars ; for expenses for rooms, procuring witnesses, telegraphing and printing, three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and seventy-five cents."

This was the case of the Dorn impeachment.

Laws of 1870, volume 1, page 1095. "Appropriation for Gilbert Robinson, Junior, Edward L. Fursman and Jacob J. Runkle, for their services and expenses as counsel for John Artz, Acting Superintendent of the Poor of Rensselaer County, in the investigation ordered by the Governor, the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be equally divided between them, and to

be in full for their services and expenses in said investigation."

Same volume, page 1120. "Appropriation to Jonathan S. Buell, for expenses in his defense upon charges preferred against him as Police Commissioner of the City of Buffalo, in the year 1869, three hundred dollars."

"Appropriation for Lyman K. Bass and Sherman S. Rogers, for services and expenses as counsel for Salmon Shaw and Obadiah J. Green, on the proceedings against them as Police Commissioners for the City of Buffalo, one thousand and fifty-eight dollars."

Laws of 1873, chapter 760. "Appropriation for Sterling G. Hadley, for services as Attorney and Counselor for Canal Commissioner William W. Wright, and Canal Superintendent John Haggerty, in their defense on charges preferred against them before the Canal Committee of the Assembly of 1872, the sum of two hundred dollars."

Same volume, page 1149. "To Horace G. Prindle, Judge and Surrogate of Chenango county, in full for the payment of counsel fees of Henry R. Mygatt, James W. Glover, and E. H. Prindle, and all other expenses incurred by him in defending himself against the charges preferred against him before the Senate, three thousand two hundred and fifty-nine dollars."

Same volume, page 1150. "Henry Smith, Robert Cochrane, and H. C. Dennison, counsel appearing on the part of the defendant on the trial of George M. Curtis, Justice of the Marine Court, upon the charges preferred against him before the Senate, in full for services and expenses, two thousand dollars."

Laws of 1874, chap. 323, page 389. "Appropriation for Josiah T. Miller, for services as counsel in the defense of Canal Commissioner W. W. Wright, indicted for malfeasance in office in Seneca county, 1872, the sum of three hundred dollars."

Laws of 1877, page 294. "Appropriation to Stephen Moffat, for counsel fees and expenses, necessarily expended in the in-

vestigation before the Committee on State Prisons, of the Senate, of charges made against him in the report of the State Prison Commission, three hundred dollars."

From these citations, covering various classes of investigation, and which are cited as illustrations merely, it appears to have been the policy of the State to treat the legitimate expenses of persons who are charged with some alleged misconduct in office, before the proper tribunal, and who, upon making their defense, are found to have acquitted themselves of the charges, as matters proper to be borne by the public, and in 1874, by chapter 323, page 388, of the Laws of that year, it was provided that "Hereafter, in all proceedings before the Governor, for the removal of any county officer, upon charges preferred against him, all the costs and expenses thereof, including of those of taking and printing the testimony therein, shall be a county charge upon such county, and shall be audited and allowed by the Board of Supervisors of such county, and be included in the assessment roll," etc.

It seems to have been considered that, if the charges brought against the person were well founded, so that they resulted in a conviction, before whatever tribunal the investigation was had, that the responsibility and the burden should be borne by the individual, as they doubtless should, for misconduct in office is a personal and individual offense.

But where the result of the inquiry has shown that the official misconduct did not exist, and that he is innocent of the charges brought against him, it would seem to follow that he had done nothing to justify the imposition of personal burdens upon him.

He has been put to the expense solely by virtue of his holding public office, not by reason of any misconduct therein. This the verdict of the tribunal must be supposed to have settled, so far as the particular charge is concerned, and any legitimate

expense which he has been put to, without personal responsibility therefor, solely by reason of the holding by him of a public office, it would seem to be for the public to pay.

In incurring the expenditures, he takes the risk of being obliged to discharge them himself, according as the result shall show that the charges made are well founded or unfounded.

Cases can be imagined where it would be exceedingly unjust and oppressive to compel a public officer, at his individual expense, to defend his official administration. It would often involve a far-reaching inquiry and investigation fraught with great expense, and the dread of such an expense might very readily be employed to drive from office a perfectly innocent and honest and valuable public officer.

I do not think that the present appropriations of the Police Department cover any expenditure of this sort, but the general legislative functions, possessed by the Board of Apportionment, is adequate to make provision for any legitimate expense of any public officer or department, in this respect, exercising substantially the function that is exercised by the Legislature with respect to County and State offices.

If the Board of Apportionment shall, in their discretion, make an appropriation or transfer an appropriation to discharge the legitimate expense of counsel and printing, &c., incurred by the Board in answering the charges preferred by the Mayor; I think they can be paid.

The charges, although in form against each of the Commissioners as a member of the Board, were in law, charges against the Board itself, for upon their face, each of the three Commissioners was called into court to answer for his conduct as a member of the Board, and not for the failure to discharge any duty which by law was imposed upon him individually, other than as a member of the Board he shared in the obligations which the law had imposed upon the Board.

The charges were against the Police Board, and as the result of the investigation must be held to have shown that there was sufficient doubt with regard to their correctness as to justify the verdict passed upon them by his Honor the Mayor, of not being proven, the department must be credited with an acquittal in the view of the law, and I think that it is within the power of the Board of Apportionment to make the necessary appropriations to pay the legitimate expenses to which the Board was subjected.

I am, gentlemen, yours respectfully,

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, February 16, 1878. }

*To the Honorable the Board of
Estimate and Apportionment :*

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of \$6,000 from the appropriation for Street Cleaning for 1877, which is in excess of the amount required for the objects and purposes thereof, to the appropriations for Contingent Expenses for 1877, as per letter of January 18, 1878.

Very respectfully,

S. C. HAWLEY,

Chief Clerk.

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of six thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets under Police Department" for 1877, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" for 1877, for which the same is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York, (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Board of Aldermen*—3.

Negative—*The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments*—1.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communications :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTS, }
No. 40 BURLING SLIP,
NEW YORK, January 25, 1878. }

Dear Sir,—Your favor of yesterday in reply to our request for information as to any available balances of former appropriations for the removal of incumbrances and obstructions in the harbor, is received, and we are obliged for your prompt attention.

As it appears that under existing circumstances you must apply to the Board of Apportionment for funds for that purpose, we would suggest that you ask for, say \$3,000, as we are

about to contract for the removal of a wreck lying on the sand spit in the East river, near Governor's Island, at about \$300 or \$400, and there is probability of other calls within the fiscal year. A vessel has already struck this wreck.

It was the custom under your predecessors in office to have an annual sum in the tax levy for the purpose of removing wrecks, of, say \$5,000, and as prompt action in the removal of obstructions to safe navigation is all important, we would suggest the propriety of asking for such an appropriation for the coming year.

The record of the Board in the use of former appropriations will convince you that it will not call for any part of the money without good cause.

Yours, very respectfully

GEO. W. BLUNT,

Secretary.

JOHN KELLY, Esq., *Comptroller.*

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Police be and they are hereby respectfully requested to re-establish the Sixth Police Precinct and assign to duty therein the requisite Police force, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to provide the means necessary to repair, refit, and refurnish the station-house in Franklin street for the use and occupation of the said Police force by transfer of any available balances of appropriations of former years or otherwise.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 26, 1878.

Approved by the Mayor, February 6, 1878.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,

Clerk, Common Council.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
 36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }
 NEW YORK, January 30th, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller :

SIR,—On the pay-roll for the engineers and draughtsmen for December, 1877, there is an item of \$75.79 chargeable to "surveying, laying out, etc." There is also a bill in this Department for \$72.52 chargeable to the same appropriation. The balance of this appropriation for 1877 is only \$13.58, so there is a deficiency of \$134.73.

To meet this the Department to-day adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer the sum of \$134.73 from the appropriation for "surveying, laying out, monumenting, etc., north end of the island, and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards," for 1875, for the purposes of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "surveying, laying out and monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of this island," for 1877, which is insufficient.

By your having the matter acted on at the next meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment you will much oblige, as the employees on the pay-roll are in want of their pay.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES F. WENMAN,

President Department Public Parks.

NEW YORK, February 9th, 1878.

To the Hon. JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller, etc. :

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to call your attention to the inadequacy of the appropriation by the Board of Estimate and Ap-

portionment for the expenses of the Children's Fold for the year 1878.

The amount called for was twelve thousand dollars, of which ten thousand four hundred was based upon an estimate of one hundred children to be supported; and sixteen hundred dollars to cover a deficiency in the payment from the City Treasury for 1877. The accounts for the year having been since made up and the last payment received from the City, the deficiency, as will appear by examining the returns from our Treasurer, is thirteen hundred and sixteen dollars and eighty-two cents. The number of children January 1st, 1878, was 81; on December 1, 1877, 80; November 1, October 1 and September 1, each 77.

Owing to the growing destitution which crowds all charitable institutions, the pressure for accommodation is in excess of our room. We have accordingly hired and are fitting up a large house in prospect of being obliged to receive one hundred children. Every care is and will be exercised to exclude all but those in real need.

The act of the Legislature under which we suppose ourselves entitled to apply for this aid is hereto annexed:

CHAP. 506, LAWS NEW YORK, 1874, p. 696.

AN ACT, conferring certain powers on "The Children's Fold" of the City of New York. Passed May 20th, 1874.

SECTION 1. The Trustees of the "Children's Fold" and Orphan Asylum, located in the City of New York, are hereby authorized and empowered to adopt into families any orphan, half-orphan or destitute child who may have been in their care and charge for the space of one year, in case said children be under ten years of age, or six months, in case of children over ten years old.

SEC. 2. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of New York shall levy and collect by tax in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and every year thereafter, at the same time and in the same manner as the contingent charges and expenses of the City and County are levied and collected, and shall pay over to "The Children's Fold," of the City of New York, the sum of two dollars per week for each and every orphan, half-orphan and destitute child received and supported by said institution, the expense of whose support is not paid by private parties.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

The failure to receive the amounts due will seriously embarrass the society in its operations, as there is owing by it on past obligations the whole amount of the deficiency; and, moreover, the current expenses will require, from month to month, the per capita sum to which we are entitled, besides contributions from private sources.

I would, therefore, respectfully ask, on behalf of the trustees, that the needed relief be granted by the payment of last year's deficiency, and that provision may be made, as in your judgment shall seem best, for our present and increasing number of beneficiaries.

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS M. PETERS,

President of the Children's Fold.

NEW YORK, February 18th, 1878.

To his Honor SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor of the City of New York:

Sir,—A number of citizens, desiring to add to the attractions of our metropolitan city, have conferred with the Department of Public Parks in regard to the establishment of Zoological

and Botanical Gardens, and in accordance with the views of the Department have formed themselves into a body corporate for the purpose of creating and maintaining such gardens, and have chosen the undersigned an Executive Committee to carry out their wishes.

We, therefore, herewith respectfully submit a copy of our Charter and By-Laws, and the draft of an act which, passed by the Legislature, will enable the Department to make a contract with the Corporation, upon conditions mentioned in the accompanying "memoranda," and thus render certain the immediate establishment of such gardens and their maintenance upon a liberal scale, and without the incurring of any expense or liability whatever by the Department or by the City.

We desire your cordial endorsement of the plan proposed, and that you join the Department and ourselves in a request to the Honorable the Legislature of the State, that the proposed act be passed without delay, and we wish also for a similar indorsement from the Honorable the Common Council of this City.

Respectfully yours,

ADRIAN FRELING,
JAMES M. CONSTABLE,
HUGH AUCHINCLOSS.

AN ACT relating to the establishment of Zoological and Botanical Gardens in the City of New York.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The Department of Public Parks in the City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to allot, set apart and appropriate that portion of the Central Park between the driveway on the westerly side of said park and the Eighth

avenue, and extending from Ninety-sixth street to One Hundred and Tenth street at Eighth avenue, for the establishment therein of Zoological and Botanical Gardens, provided that no existing drive or bridle-path within said area shall be closed to the public.

SEC. 2. The aforesaid Department is hereby authorized and directed to make and enter into a contract with "The American Zoological and Botanical Garden Company, Limited," incorporated under the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to provide for the Organization and Regulation of certain Business Corporations," passed June 21, 1875, for the establishment of said corporation in said portion of the Central Park for said purposes, and no other whatever, upon such conditions, terms and regulations, with respect to the management of, admission to, and continuance of said Zoological and Botanical Gardens as shall be contained in said contract.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

MEMORANDA.

1. Capital to be not less than \$200,000, to be disbursed during the first three years.

2. Admission—Sundays, free; Saturdays, free to the pupils of the public schools, when visiting in a body, under the care of their teachers; one day, fifty cents; other days, twenty-five cents.

3. Receipts to be applied—1st, to maintenance; 2d, to interest at seven per cent. on stocks and bonds paid for; 3d, the surplus, if any, to be devoted to the purchase of more animals, the improvement of the grounds, or reduction of admission.

4. The City is not to be at any expense either for the construction or maintenance of said gardens, except furnishing policemen to preserve order.

5. The City authorities to have the right to investigate the accounts of the corporation.

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

The Secretary presented the following communication :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
 36 UNION SQUARE (East), }
 NEW YORK, 30th January, 1878.

HON. JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR,—The Board of Commissioners governing this Department adopted the following resolution at their meeting, held this day, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer the sum of one hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-three cents from the appropriation for "Surveying, Laying-out, Monumenting, etc., north end of Island and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards," for 1875, for the purposes of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "Surveying, Laying-out and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of this Island," for 1877, which is insufficient.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, }
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE. }

NEW YORK, January 28, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR,—Respectfully referring to the communication of this Board, dated December 6, 1877, containing the following :

Resolved, That application be made to the Honorable Board of Apportionment, requesting the transfer of unexpended balance of 1875, amounting to the sum of \$2,925.23, for the purpose of erecting a suitable building for the care of insane temporarily confined in Bellevue Hospital.

I am directed by the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction to renew the application as expressed in the foregoing resolution, and that they be informed of the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at an early date.

Very respectfully,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,

Secretary.

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, March 25, 1878. }

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, being an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873; and section 1 of chapter 779, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14, 1873; and chapter 304, being an act entitled "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 303, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 308, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and As-

sessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, March 26, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated March 25, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
March 25, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$10,000 "Assessment Bonds," for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, under chapter 447, Laws of 1876, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 25th day of March, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held February 19, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "Revenue Bonds" and "Assessment Bonds."

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Revenue Bonds," to the amount of three thousand dollars, as authorized by Section 5 of Chapter 213, Laws of 1871, to meet the expenses incurred in applying water meters to buildings, &c., in which water is furnished for business consumption, as provided in Section 73 of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, and on account of requisition of the Commissioner of Public Works, of August 14, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue at such time, and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds," for the sum of ten thousand dollars, in pursuance of Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of chapter 642, Laws of 1874, the sum of thirty-eight hundred and seventy dollars and seventeen cents is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund, to pay the salaries of employees, rent, and other expenses of the Board of Excise, for the year ending May 1, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communications:

NEW YORK, March 15, 1878.

Hon. JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller, City of New York:

Dear Sir,—Yours of the 1st inst., in reply to mine of 27th ult., relative to the deficiency due the New York Infant Asylum, is before me. In it you mention your circular of 20th March, 1877, addressed to the officers of the infant Asylum.

In a former letter of mine I called the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to the fact that in a communication from the officers of the asylum, relative to the appropriation for the year 1877, we asked for \$38,000, which, if made, would have nearly covered our expenditures. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment in its wisdom saw fit to reduce it to less than \$28,000. Every effort was made to live within the appropriation, but the claims upon our charity were so numerous that we found it utterly impossible to do so. I hope you will excuse me if I dispute the right of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to reduce the appropriation to such an amount as appeared to it sufficient to meet the *per capita* allowance fixed by the same authority which gave said Board existence, and by laws passed subsequent to that which created it. It is needless to call your attention to the fact that the New York Infant Asylum is regularly chartered by chapter 106,

Laws of 1865, amended in 1872, 1876, and 1877. In the charter and amendments the powers and duties of the manager are very clearly defined, and the obligation of the City made perfectly plain.

By the charter the managers of the asylum are permitted to take children of two years or under without restriction as to number, for which the City was to pay to the institution a certain fixed sum per head. By chapter 213, Laws of 1876, the managers were authorized to take and care for women in confinement, for which the "asylum shall be entitled to receive, and shall receive, from the County Treasurer twenty-five dollars each for obstetric attendance," and it is also provided by said chapter that the institution "shall be entitled to receive, and shall receive, eighteen dollars per month" for each nursing mother maintained by said asylum. By chapter 90, Laws of 1877, it is provided that the proper authorities shall levy and collect by tax, and pay over to said institution, thirty-eight cents per day for each and every child received and maintained by said asylum. You will observe that these provisions of law are mandatory, and require the City authorities to perform certain well-defined duties. I think after reading carefully the several laws relating to the Infant Asylum that you will agree with me that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have but one duty to perform relative to the appropriation for the Infant Asylum, that is, to appropriate a sum sufficient to meet the requirements of laws relating thereto. I beg leave to assure you that the managers of the Infant Asylum have been careful not to abuse the privileges conferred on them by law, and that every effort has been made to prevent the enlargement of their bills, especially during the last year, as the managers desired to meet the wishes of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the general reduction of expenditure. I hope you will excuse me for again earnestly requesting you to find some means to

make good our deficiency. I remember that at the close of the year 1876 the "Foundling Asylum" had a deficiency of seventeen or eighteen thousand dollars, which was made good, I believe, from the Excise Fund. Can you not do the same for the Infant Asylum, or from some surplus of charities of a similar character? I think Mr. Hoguet, of the Catholic Protectory, told me they had a surplus last year of some \$8,000 or \$9,000, if I recollect right. I have no doubt there may be more or less surplus in other similar institutions. If so, should it not be used to make good deficiencies? In addition to the regular Board of Managers, the Mayor of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Supervisors, the President of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, the President of the Board of Police, are *ex-officio* members. I believe I have not seen any of them at our Board meetings, though I should be very glad to have them attend in person, that they may know for themselves the good work we are doing, and the great caution exercised in admitting women and children. Please find enclosed section 22 of our charter, passed 11th March, 1865, with subsequent amendments, April 18, 1872, and April 21, 1877. Hoping, after carefully reading the enclosed, I will receive a favorable reply, which I await,

I remain very sincerely yours,

L. M. BATES,

Treasurer N. Y. Infant Asylum.

Sec. 22. In each and every year after this act shall take effect the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of New York shall levy and collect by tax, at the same time and in the same manner as the contingent charges and expenses of the City and County are levied and collected, and pay over to said corporation a sum of money at the rate of thirty-eight cents per day, in monthly payments, for each and every child received and maintained by said asylum; and it shall be the

duty of the Comptroller of said City to reimburse and pay over the difference between thirty-eight cents per day and the amount actually received by said asylum from said Supervisors since the passage of the amendment dated April eighteen hundred and seventy-two, to the aforesaid act of incorporation of eighteen hundred and sixty-five. It is further provided, that whenever any homeless or needy mother has received care and attendance in the lying-in wards of the New York Infant Asylum, the managers of said asylum shall be entitled to receive, and shall receive, from the County Treasurer, as hereinabove provided, the sum of twenty-five dollars for said care and obstetric attendance, and whenever any mother thus domiciled and attended at the birth of her child, and whenever any other homeless or needy mother, with a nursing infant, resides at the asylum, by the request of its officers, and wet-nurses her own infant, the managers of said institution shall be entitled to receive, and shall receive, from the County Treasurer, the sum of eighteen dollars per month, and proportionately for any fraction of a month, for each mother so remaining under their charge in said asylum, provided such residence shall exceed the period of two months, to be paid, as hereinbefore provided, in monthly, quarterly, or annual payments, as said managers may request; but the managers of the said institution shall not be entitled to receive the said monthly allowance for a longer period than for one year for any mother so remaining.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE, }
 OFFICE, NO. 21 WATER STREET, }
 BROOKLYN, March 18, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor*, and

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller of the City of New York*:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a resolution of this Board, adopted on the fourth day of March instant, calling upon the City of Brooklyn for one mil-

lion of dollars, and upon the City of New York for five hundred thousand dollars, as therein specified, and to request payment of the City of New York, accordingly.

Yours respectfully,

HENRY C. MURPHY,

President.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, held on Monday, March 4, 1878, the following resolution was adopted :

“ Resolved, That the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge hereby call upon the Cities of New York and Brooklyn for the sum of one million of dollars from the City of Brooklyn, and five hundred thousand dollars from the City of New York, for the purposes specified in Section 3 of Chapter 300 of the Laws of 1875, such sums being, in the opinion of this Board, proper and necessary ; and that request be made to the Mayors and Comptrollers of the said Cities accordingly.”

A true extract from the minutes.

O. P. QUINTARD,

Secretary.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller of the City of New York.*

119 LIBERTY STREET,
NEW YORK, February 8, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller :*

Dear Sir,—Permit me to call your attention, as I have already done verbally, to the failure of the Board of Apportionment to appropriate the necessary sum for the expenses of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and of the Museum of Natural History. The appropriation contemplated by statute, and which has been regularly appropriated heretofore, was thirty thousand dollars. It so stood among the appropriations until suddenly

cut down from \$30,000 to \$20,000 on the last day of the year, without any notice, and without any possibility of interposing an objection.

I respectfully submit that it is simply impossible for the museums to live and be kept open with this sum. The expenses of the Museum of Natural History are large, and the estimate of those of the Metropolitan Museum of Art alone amounts to over \$20,000. The building in the Park is not finished, and they are compelled to take again for the coming year the premises in Fourteenth Street they now occupy. The rent alone of these premises would amount to over one-half of the sum provided for the expenses of both.

May I respectfully ask if it be not possible to transfer from some unappropriated balance the sum of ten thousand dollars to the account of the maintenance of the museums, so as to enable them to keep their doors open, otherwise I see no alternative for them but to stop all possible expenses, and to close their doors when their funds are exhausted.

I have said nothing in the above statement of the expenses of removal of our art treasures from Fourteenth Street to the new building in the Park. This alone will require at least \$15,000 by estimate, but this must be provided for in some other way.

Hoping that you may find some way of relieving the institutions from the serious embarrassments which now threaten them, I remain,

Very respectfully,

JOHN TAYLOR JOHNSTON,

President.

Which were referred back to the Comptroller.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communication :

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES, }
120 EAST THIRTIETH STREET,

February 20, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment,

City of New York:

Gentlemen,—I learn from the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction that they have asked you to allow them to use an unexpended balance, now in their hands, to erect a new building for insane patients retained at Bellevue Hospital, to be examined before being transferred to the insane asylums.

There is no doubt that such a building is urgently required, and I wish to add my request to that of the Commissioners, and to ask further, that in case the unexpended balance referred to is not sufficient for the purpose, you will add a sum large enough to build suitable accommodations for these unfortunates.

There is no question that the cells now used at Bellevue for persons supposed to be insane, and also for those suffering from delirium tremens, are quite unfit for the purpose. They are partly under ground, are damp, badly ventilated, and insufficient in number, and mild cases of insanity are probably often made worse by being kept ten days or more in such a place.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL,

Commissioner State Board, etc.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, April 20, 1878. }

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, being an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and section 1 of chapter 779, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14, 1873 ; and chapter 304, being an act entitled "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and chapter 303, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and chapter 308, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and As-

sessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Saturday, April 20, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated April 19, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
April 19, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Saturday, the 20th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$77,000 "Croton Water Main Stock," authorized by chapter 477, Laws of 1875, and \$10,000 "Assessment Bonds," for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, under chapter 447, Laws of 1876, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 20th day of April, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—The following members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held March 26, 1878, were read and approved.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communications :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, }
 COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, }
 NEW YORK, March 15, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir,—By direction of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction I transmit the following resolution, adopted at a meeting held this day.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be directed to forward a communication to the Honorable Board of Apportionment, requesting the transfer of unexpended balances of the year 1877, for the purpose of erecting two surgical pavilions and a building for insane patients at Bellevue Hospital, setting forth that appropriations for these objects have been repeatedly sought, and that the additions are highly desirable in the interests of humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,

Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, }
300 MULBERRY STREET, MARCH 1, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

Sir,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of \$3,500 from the appropriation for Street Cleaning for 1877, which is in excess of the amount required for the objects and purposes thereof, to the appropriation for Contingent Expenses for 1877, as per letter of January 18, 1878.

Very respectfully,

S. C. HAWLEY,

Chief Clerk.
per K.

Which were referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "Croton Water-Main Stock" and "Assessment Bonds."

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Croton Water-Main Stock," as authorized by chapter 477, Laws of 1875, to the amount of seventy-seven thousand dollars, as called for in

requisition of the Department of Public Works of May 26, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, at such time and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds" for the sum of ten thousand dollars, in pursuance of chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of thirteen thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars and fifty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Institution of Mercy," for the support of 600 children in said institution committed by Police Magistrates, pursuant to chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from December 1, 1877, to February 28, 1878, aggregating 45,908 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about $28\frac{1}{3}$ cents per day, for the support of each child ; the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand and sixty-five dollars and seventy-one cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic," for the support of 100 children in said asylum, committed by Police Magistrates, pursuant to chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from December 1, 1877, to

February 28, 1878, aggregating 7,230 days, at two dollars per week, at the rate of about $28\frac{57}{100}$ cents per day, for the support of each child; the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred and forty-six dollars and eighty-five cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund for the support of thirty-nine inmates of the "Home for Fallen and Friendless Girls," from January 1 to March 31, 1878, inclusive, at the rate of \$150 per annum, pursuant to chapter 868, Laws of 1873.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of fourteen thousand seven hundred and nine dollars and eighty-six cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the following named asylums and institutions, to pay a portion of the bills rendered for the care and maintenance of inmates therein during the year 1877, viz :

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb	\$2,542 35
New York Infant Asylum	6,491 71
New York Juvenile Asylum	1,730 28
St. Joseph's Improved Institute for Deaf Mutes...	2,473 54
Nursery and Child's Hospital	817 28
Children's Fold	654 70
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Total	\$14,709 86
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication .

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 NEW YORK, April 20, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

The annual distribution of the excise moneys among charitable institutions was not made, as usual, for reasons explained in my communication to the Board on the 12th day of last December. It appears, however, that the amount of the fund now in the City treasury is more than will probably be required to meet any demands for the return of license fees that may have been illegally received and paid into the treasury, and as these institutions are greatly in need of aid to help them through a season which has taxed their means of bestowing charity among the poor severely, I recommend that the small sum which is available for distribution shall now be fairly apportioned among them.

For this purpose I have caused a schedule of the charitable institutions entitled under the law to a share of the Excise moneys to be prepared, with proportionate amounts appropriated to them respectively, in accordance with former distributions, which is herewith respectfully submitted.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 221 of the Laws of 1875, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby appropriate from the Excise moneys to the charitable and benevolent institutions in the City of New York, which "gratuitously aid, support, and assist the poor," the sums stated, as a per capita allowance for the poor and destitute persons actually treated, cared for or educated in and by them respectively, as designated in the following schedule, and amounting in the aggregate to the

sum of \$54,750, which appropriation is made with the distinct provision that no part of these moneys is to be used or applied by any of said institutions as a permanent fund, or for the purpose of erecting or furnishing any building, or for the payment of the salary of any employee, but the whole amount allowed to each institution is to be used and applied to the purpose above stated, as provided by law, viz: to "gratuitously aid, support, and assist the poor."

CHARITABLE SOCIETIES AND MISSIONS.

No.	NAME OF INSTITUTION.	Number of Poor Supported or Assisted in One Year.	Per Capita Allowance.	Amount Allowed.
1	The Five Points Mission—Families.....	600	\$1 00	\$600 00
2	The Howard Mission	4,000	15	600 00
3	Ladies' Union Relief Association for Care of Disabled Soldiers and their Families.....	2,000	50	1,000 00
4	German Ladies' Society for Support of Widows and Orphans	6,000	10	600 00
5	The New York Diet Kitchen Association....	2,500	20	500 00
6	New York Female Assistance Society for the Relief of the Sick Poor.....	3,000	20	600 00
7	United Hebrew Charities of the City of New York.....	30,000	05	1,500 00
8	West Side Relief Association.....	6,000	10	600 00
9	German Society of the City of New York....	10,000	10	1,000 00
10	Bread and Beef House.....	1,000	25	250 00
11	New York Colored Mission.....	250	1 00	250 00
12	French Benevolent Society.....	1,000	25	250 00
13	Belgian Benevolent Society.....	100	25	200 00
14	Swiss Benevolent Society.....	800	25	200 00
15	West Farms Ladies' Benevolent and Employment Society.....	300	50	150 00
16	The Prison Association.....	500	1 00	500 00
17	Twenty-fourth Ward Relief Association....	500	20	100 00
18	St. Ignatius' Guild.....	500	20	100 00
19	Seventeenth Ward Ragged Mission.....	1,000	20	200 00
20	Twelfth Ward West Side Relief Association.	1,000	50	500 00
21	Society of St. Vincent de Paul of the City of New York.....	22,000	10	2,200 00
22	Wilson Industrial School for Girls.....	1,000	20	200 00
23	Harlem Missionary Association.....	1,000	20	200 00

HOMES AND ASYLUMS.

No.	NAME OF INSTITUTION.	Number Supported Gratuitously.	Per Capita Allowance.	Amount Allowed.
24	The Church Mission to Deaf Mutes.....	20	\$5 00	\$100 00
25	House of the Good Shepherd.....	200	5 00	1,000 00
26	N. Y. Christian Home for Intemperate Men.	100	5 00	500 00
27	Home for the Aged of the Little Sisters of the Poor	200	5 00	1,000 00
28	St. Joseph's Home for the Aged.....	240	5 00	1,200 00
29	The Sheltering Arms.....	180	5 00	900 00
30	Association for Befriending Children and Young Girls (House of the Holy Family)..	180	5 00	900 00
31	Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews.....	100	5 00	500 00
32	St. Vincent's Home for Boys.....	100	5 00	500 00
33	Chapin Home for the Aged and Infirm.....	60	5 00	300 00
34	Samaritan Home for the Aged.....	50	5 00	250 00
35	St. James' Home for Boys.....	60	5 00	300 00
36	House of Rest for Consumptives.....	40	5 00	200 00
37	The Midnight Mission	40	5 00	200 00
38	Institution of Mercy.....	200	5 00	1,000 00
39	St. Stephen's Home for Children.....	180	5 00	900 00
40	N. Y. Asylum for Lying-in Women.....	120	5 00	600 00
41	Society for the Relief of Destitute Children of Seamen.....	100	5 00	500 00
42	Five Points House of Industry.....	120	5 00	600 00
43	St. Vincent's Industrial Home (for Girls)...	160	5 00	800 00
44	St. Barnabas' House.....	80	5 00	400 00
45	Ladies Protective Union and Directory.....	40	5 00	200 00
46	Home for Incurables.....	40	5 00	200 00
47	Home for Old Men and Aged Couples.....	40	5 00	200 00
48	St. Joseph's Industrial Home for Destitute Children.....	200	5 00	1,000 00
49	The Colored Home.....	180	5 00	900 00
50	Peabody Home.....	40	5 00	200 00
51	Methodist Episcopal Church Home for Aged and Infirm.....	200	5 00	1,000 00
52	Female Christian Home.....	40	5 00	200 00
53	Young Woman's Aid Association	40	5 00	200 00
54	St. Luke's Home for Indigent Christian Females.....	100	5 00	500 00
55	Society for the Relief of the Destitute Blind (Home for the Blind).....	100	5 00	500 00
56	Women's Aid Society and Home for Training Young Girls.....	40	5 00	200 00
57	Women's Prison Association and Home.....	80	5 00	400 00
58	Ladies' Home Society of the Baptist Churches.	60	5 00	300 00
59	Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic.....	200	5 00	1,000 00
60	St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum (German).....	100	5 00	500 00
61	Orphans' Home and Asylum of the P. E. Church.....	100	5 00	500 00
62	Society for the Relief of Half Orphan and Destitute Children.....	100	5 00	500 00
63	Asylum of St. Vincent de Paul (French)....	100	5 00	500 00
64	Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans	120	5 00	600 00
65	Roman Catholic Orphan Asylums.....	1,000	2 50	2,500 00

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, May 2, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, being an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and section 1 of chapter 779, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14, 1873 ; and chapter 304, being an act entitled "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and chapter 303, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and chapter 308, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Alder-

men, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, May 3, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated May 2, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
May 2, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 3d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of "Museum of Art and Natural History Stock," and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 2d day of May, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments,*

Present—All the members, *viz.* :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held April 20, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the Rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to the calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of "Museum of Natural History Stock," and "New York County Court House Stock, No. 5."

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }
NEW YORK, May 1, 1878. }

HON. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

Sir,—At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners, governing this Department, held this day, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, *viz.* :

" *Whereas*, The requisition made by the Executive Committee of the Board, on May 1, 1871, and which action was approved by the Board on September 12, 1871, for one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of the fund provided by Section 2, Chapter 290, Laws of 1871, has not been recognized or acted upon by the Comptroller of the City, or by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, therefore

" *Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, hereby make requisition upon the Comptroller of the City of New York for the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for

the construction of a Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History, as provided by Section 2, Chapter 290, Laws of 1871.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

And offered for adoption the following resolution ;

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Museum of Natural History Stock," authorized by Chapter 290, Laws of 1871, amounting to \$100,000, as per requisition of the Department of Public Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE COMMISSION, }
NEW YORK, April 25, 1878. }

HON. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

Dear Sir,—At the meeting of the Commissioners for the Completion of the New County Court House, held on the 24th

instant, I was directed to request you to be good enough to issue the additional amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) New York County Court House Stock, No. 5, under the provisions of Chapter 583, of the Laws of 1871.

Yours, respectfully,

WILLIS BLACKSTONE,
Chairman County Court House Commission.

CONTRACTS TO COMPLETE THE NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

CONTRACT.		NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT OF CONTRACT.	AMOUNT PAID.
DATE.	No.				
Oct. 11, 1876.	3900	Sinclair & Milne.....	For Stone Work.....	\$402,631 00	\$258,000 00
" 11, "	3901	J. & W. C. Spears.....	For Mason Work.....	41,131 00	34,000 00
" 11, "	3902	John Kerby.....	For Carpenter Work..	17,906 00	7,000 00
" 11, "	3903	Heuvelman, Haven & Co.	For Iron Work.....	19,810 00	14,500 00
Nov. 11, 1877.	4193	Post & McCord.....	For Iron Work for Roof	5,465 00	.....
				\$386,943 00	\$313,500 00

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by provisions of Section 112 of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "New York County Court House Stock, No. 5," as authorized by Section 7, Chapter 583, Laws of 1871, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), as per requisition of April 25, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and
the President of the Board of Aldermen—3.*

Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—1.

The SECRETARY presented the following communication :

BOARD OF EXCISE, 299 MULBERRY STREET, {
NEW YORK, May 1, 1878. }

*Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., Mayor, and Chairman Board of Estimate
and Apportionment :*

Sir,—We hereby request an appropriation of fifty-two thousand (\$52,500) five hundred dollars for the use of the Excise Board for the year commencing May 1, 1878.

This is an equal amount to that asked for by the late Board for the financial year 1877-8, and we deem it necessary to make requisition for this sum for the present year as the work of the Board and its employes has enormously increased in consequence of the numerous examinations made under the Excise Law of 1857.

We have also incurred expense for refitting up the office in such a way that our business may be transacted more rapidly and more systematically than heretofore, and the bills therefor when presented will be a charge upon this appropriation.

Now that the financial year has just expired, during which a large defalcation took place in the office, we shall also be at some expense, apart from our usual business, in examining systematically the transactions of the past year and making a

report thereon to the Board of Supervisors, as required by law.

We respectfully suggest that the item of \$1,500 for rent is not a proper charge upon our appropriation, as we have nothing to do with the making of the lease nor with any payments made under it, nor do we even sign any voucher therefor.

Yours, very respectfully,

RICHARD J. MORRISON,
PHILIP MERKLE,

Commissioners of Excise.

Which was referred to and original paper sent to the Comptroller.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communications:

NEW YORK, May 1, 1878.

To the Board of Apportionment of the City of New York,

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., President:

Gentlemen,—The Trustees of the N. Y. Infirmary for Women and Children respectfully ask of the Board of Apportionment an appropriation in aid of its current expenses, and the support of its Dispensary. We make the appeal the more pressing in view of the increasing number of applicants, and the limitations to which we are subjected on account of our inability to procure funds as in more prosperous times.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL WILLETS,

President.

NEW YORK, April 27, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Mayor, &c.:

Dear Sir,—If the money for charitable purposes has not all been expended, I bespeak for this Society your attention. I

have knowledge that they are doing a good work and that some of the directors have exceeded their ability in giving. I think \$500 would be well applied if given here. On general principles I am opposed to giving public moneys to private charities; but I did not have the making of the law, and it should be equal in its application.

Yours,

C. PULLMAN.

Which were referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

Messrs. Miller and Arnold appeared before the Board and made statements against the further appropriation of moneys to the Brooklyn Bridge Company.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, May 11, 1878. }

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, being an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and section 1 of chapter 779, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14, 1873 ; and chapter 304, being an act entitled "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and chapter 303, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and chapter 308, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and As-

sessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Monday, May 13, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated May 11, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
May 11th, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday, the 13th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$10,000 "Assessment Bonds," for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, under chapter 447, Laws of 1876, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 11th day of May, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments,*

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held May 3d, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23d, 1874, relating to the calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of Assessment Bonds.

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, at such time and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds," for the sum of ten thousand dollars, in pursuance of chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
300 MULBERRY STREET.

NEW YORK, May 10, 1878.

Hon. JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller :

Sir,—By direction of the Board of Police, I herewith enclose copy of resolution requesting authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer the sum of \$1,193 for the completion of the Thirty-third Precinct stable.

Very respectfully

WM. H. KIPP,

First Deputy Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, }
300 MULBERRY STREET.

NEW YORK, May 10, 1878.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and

Apportionment of the City of New York :

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That respectful application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Board of Police to transfer from the account of "Alterations and Repairs of Station Houses" of the appropriation for the year 1877, the sum of \$1,193 of the unexpended balance of said year, to the account of "Construction of the Thirty-third Precinct Stable" appropriation for the year 1875, which is insufficient.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,

First Deputy Clerk.

Which was referred back to, and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

The SECRETARY presented the following communication :

SEA SIDE SANITARIUM
FOR DESTITUTE SICK CHILDREN OF NEW YORK, }
OFFICE, 304 WEST 28TH STREET.

NEW YORK, May 9, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor, and President of the Board of Apportionment.

To the Honorable the Board of Apportionment :

The undersigned, in behalf of the officers and managers of the Sea Side Sanitarium for Destitute Sick Children, begs leave to state that they have secured and fitted up a large and commodious building at Rockaway Beach, the most healthy and convenient place that can be found for sick children, which the managers intend to use for the humane object of reducing the fearful death-rate among the infant class of our tenement population. According to the report of the Board of Health 14,208 children under five years of age perished in this City in 1876, and most of the sufferers lost their lives during the heated term. The last two seasons this association relieved 4,410 sick children and their mothers, at a total cost of \$8,515.60.

This year their accommodations are much more convenient and ample, and they hope to greatly increase the number of children at the Sanitarium.

To do this they must have help, as they find themselves utterly unable by private gifts to meet the many calls made upon them by the sick poor at their homes during the summer months and to take the children from the stifling atmosphere of their tenement homes to the seaside for relief.

The association therefore asks of your Honorable body the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), to enable it to carry on its

work for the coming summer (see circular enclosed), every dollar of which will be faithfully used to gratuitously assist the sick of this City, and shall not be used as a permanent fund, or for furnishing any building, or for the payment of any employee, or for salary, or liquidation of any debt, but solely and specifically for the object named.

The record of the association for the past years, and the many leading citizens on its Board of Management are a guarantee that the money will be wisely and economically expended for the object set forth.

Very respectfully yours,

HENRY KING,
President.

Which was referred to, and original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1878—11 o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, May 23, 1878. }

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to Reorganize the Local Government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to Consolidate the Government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the Support of the Government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the Support of the Government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor,

Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, May 28, 1878, at 11 o'clock, A.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated May 23, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
May 23rd, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 28th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering the call made on March 4th, 1878, by the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge upon the City of New York, for the payment of \$500,000 for the purposes specified in Section 3, Chapter 300, of the Laws of 1875, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 23rd day of May, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—the following members, viz.:

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

The minutes of the meeting held May 13, 1878, were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT of the Board of Aldermen presided in the absence of the Mayor.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communications :

THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE, }
OFFICE, NO. 21 WATER STREET, }
BROOKLYN, March 18, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor ; and*

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller of the City of New York :*

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a resolution of this Board, adopted on the fourth day of March instant, calling upon the City of Brooklyn for one million of dollars, and upon the City of New York for five hundred thousand dollars, as therein specified, and to request payment of the City of New York accordingly.

Yours respectfully,

HENRY C. MURPHY,

President.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, held on Monday, March 4, 1878, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, "That the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge hereby call upon the Cities of New York and Brooklyn for the sum of one million of dollars from the City of Brooklyn, and five hundred thousand dollars from the City of New York, for the purposes specified in Section 3, of Chapter 300, of the Laws of 1875, such sums being in the opinion of this Board proper and necessary, and that request be made to the Mayors and Comptrollers of said cities accordingly."

A true extract from the minutes.

O. P. QUINTARD,

Secretary.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller of the City of New York.

NEW YORK, May 17, 1878.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller :

Dear Sir,—I take the liberty of sending to you a copy of the Brooklyn *Daily Eagle* of 16th instant, containing an editorial relating to the capability of the bridge to sustain weights, etc.

You will perceive that it is extremely doubtful, even should the bridge be completed, whether it can be used to an extent that will prove of any material advantage to either City.

The case in which I am plaintiff against the bridge will probably be reached at the next term of the United States Circuit Court, which commences on the 21st instant.

I trust, in view of all the facts and the law bearing on the case, that you will see your way clear in withholding further issue of the bonds of the City until judicial determination is had.

Since I had the honor to appear before the Board of Apportionment, two ships, one a man-of-war, have lost spars in passing under the cables.

Yours, very truly,

A. B. MILLER.

Which were referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

Messrs. Miller, Arnoux, Webb, and McElroy appeared before the Board, and made arguments against the further issue of Bonds to the New York and Brooklyn Bridge.

The whole matter was laid over until the next meeting, to be held on Wednesday, June 5, 1878, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Mayor appeared and took the chair.

The President of the Board of Aldermen withdrew to attend a meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

The MAYOR presented the following communications :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
 NEW YORK, May 20, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor and Chairman Board of
 Estimate and Apportionment :*

Sir,—To enable this Department to carry out the resolutions of the Common Council, directing the laying of Croton water-mains in various parts of the City, requisition is hereby made for the issue of "Croton Water-main Fund of the City of New York," authorized by section 3, chapter 477, Laws of 1875, to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), as said amount is deemed necessary for the purposes of said resolutions, in addition to the amounts heretofore authorized and issued for such purposes.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
 NEW YORK, May 18, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

Mayor and Chairman Board of

Estimate and Apportionment:

Sir,—My attention has recently been called to the condition of the Essex Market building and the armory of the Sixty-ninth Regiment of the National Guard, located therein, and upon examination I find that they require extensive repairs, at a large expense. These repairs were in contemplation when I submitted to your Board the departmental estimate for the year 1878, in which I asked for the sum of \$40,000 for "Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs," and for \$9,500 for "Repairs of Armories." Your Board, however, reduced the appropriation to \$35,000 for all public buildings, including armories, and this amount is not sufficient to warrant so large an expenditure upon a single building as is required in this case. Careful economy and judicious distribution of the fund among all the buildings under the charge of the Department are necessary to enable it to keep them in tenantable condition. There are several important reasons, however, why the repairs to the Essex Market Building and armory should not be further postponed. The building is City property, and should be kept in a good state of preservation. The City is under the same obligation to the marketmen who pay rent for market stalls or stands as any landlord is to his tenant in regard to keeping the building in good condition. Finally, I consider the obligation of the City to provide and maintain suitable quarters for our militia, to whom we are indebted for valuable services, as equally binding.

I have to request, therefore, that your Board will enable me to meet this duty by transferring the sum of five thousand

dollars (\$5,000) from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas," for 1878, on which there is a surplus, to the appropriation for "Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs."

Very respectfully,

ALLEN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Which were referred to, and the original papers sent to the Comptroller.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication, referred to him at meeting of May 3, 1878 :

BOARD OF EXCISE, 299 MULBERRY STREET, }
NEW YORK, May 1, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor, and Chairman

Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir,—We hereby request an appropriation of fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$52,500) for the use of the Excise Board for the year commencing May 1, 1878.

This is an equal amount to that asked for by the late Board for the financial year 1877-8; and we deem it necessary to make requisition for this sum for the present year, as the work of the Board and its employees has enormously increased in consequence of the numerous examinations made under the Excise Law of 1857.

We have also incurred expense for refitting up the office in such a way that our business may be transacted more rapidly and more systematically than heretofore, and the bills therefor, when presented, will be a charge upon this appropriation.

Now that the financial year has just expired, during which a large defalcation took place in the office, we shall also be at some expense apart from our usual business in examining systematically the transactions of the past year, and making a

report thereon to the Board of Supervisors, as required by law.

We respectfully suggest that the item of \$1,500 for rent is not a proper charge upon our appropriation, as we have nothing to do with the making of the lease, nor with any payments made under it. Nor do we ever sign any voucher therefor.

Yours, very respectfully.

RICHARD J. MORRISON,
PHILIP MERKLE,

Commissioners of Excise.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of chapter 642 of the Laws of 1874, the salaries of the Commissioners of Excise in the City of New York are hereby fixed and appropriated at the rate of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) each per annum, and that the sum of thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500) is hereby fixed and appropriated as the amount necessary to pay the expenses of said Board of Commissioners of Excise, from May 1, 1878, to May 1, 1879, viz. :

Salaries of Commissioners.....	\$15,000
Salaries of employees, rent, and other necessary ex- penses	32,500
Total	<u>\$47,500</u>

Said amounts shall be paid out of money received into the treasury for licenses.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following :

CHAPTER 256.

AN ACT relating to the Coroners of the City and County of New York, their Duties and Compensation.

Passed May 15, 1878, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Each of the Coroners of the City and County of New York, hereafter elected as provided by law, shall be paid in full satisfaction for his services, a yearly salary of five thousand dollars, and shall be allowed for contingent expenses, including clerk and office hire, and all other incidental expenses, a sum not to exceed two thousand dollars per annum, which contingent and incidental expenses shall be audited and paid as the contingent and incidental expenses of other offices of the said City and County are audited and paid ; and said salary and allowance shall be in lieu of all his fees or compensation heretofore a charge upon the County of New York or the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

SEC. 2. In all cases where Coroners of said City and County are authorized to issue a subpœna to a qualified physician to view the body of a person deceased, or make an autopsy thereon, as may be required, the subpœna of the Coroner shall here-

after be issued only to one of the physicians appointed, as in the statute directed, and it shall be the duty of the physician to whom such subpoena is so issued to make the inspection and autopsy required, and to give evidence in relation thereto at the Coroner's inquest.

SEC. 3. The Board of Coroners of the City of New York shall, within five days after the passage of this Act, by writing filed in their office and published in the *City Record*, appoint four qualified physicians, who shall be residents in said City, to perform the duties in the preceding section specified, and shall be known as Coroners' Physicians. Thereafter each Coroner of said City, elected as provided by law, shall, on assuming office, appoint successors to the physicians herein provided for. Any vacancy in the office of Coroners' Physicians shall be filled by the Board of Coroners. The Board of Coroners, for cause, may remove the physicians appointed by them.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of said City, from time to time as it may determine, to fix the salary to be paid to the physicians appointed as in this statute directed, for performing the duties herein provided. The salary to be paid to each of said physicians shall not in any one year exceed the sum of three thousand dollars. The salaries in this Act provided for shall be paid monthly by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

SEC. 5. Each of said Coroners heretofore elected shall attend to an equal or proportionate part of the cases in which a Coroner is required to act in said City and County, and after the thirty-first of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, there shall be paid to each of said Coroners, during the remainder of his term of office, the fees or compensation now provided by law.

SEC. 6. So much of Section one of Chapter four hundred and

sixty-two of the Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one as provides that, "For making such external examination, the physician shall receive three dollars ; for making such autopsy he shall receive ten dollars, and such sum shall be a County charge, and paid by the Board of Supervisors," is hereby repealed. The act, Chapter five hundred and sixty-five of the Laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, entitled, "An act to fix the compensation of the Coroners of the City and County of New York," passed May fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, is also hereby repealed, but such shall not take effect until the first of January, eighteen hundred and eighty.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect immediately, except as here-
in otherwise specially provided.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented applications from the following institutions, asking for an appropriation from the Excise Fund, viz. :

- " Trustees of the Floating Hospital of St. John's Guild."
- " Hebrew Lying-in Relief Society."
- " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children."
- " New York Employment and Relief Association."
- " Adult Blind Aid Association."
- " Training School for Nurses."
- " Dispensary of the New York Infirmary for Women and Children."
- " New York Homœopathic Medical College Dispensary,"

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

The Chairman presented the following communications :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, May 28, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

To enable this Department to defray the necessary expenses of carrying out the provisions of the ordinance approved April 30, 1877, entitled "An ordinance to prevent the danger of hydrophobia to any of the inhabitants of the City of New York," the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars will be required in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated for "Contingencies, Mayor's Office."

I herewith transmit a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works consenting that this amount be transferred from the appropriation "Lamps and Gas," for 1878, there being a surplus in that appropriation, to the appropriation "Contingencies, Mayor's Office," for 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
Commissioner's Office, Room 19, City Hall, }
NEW YORK, May 15, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*
and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir,—There being a surplus in the appropriation "Lamps and Gas" for 1878, over and above the requirements of this Department, I hereby consent to a transfer from that appropriation of the sum of \$3,500 to the appropriation for "Contingencies, Mayor's Office," for 1878.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation "Lamps and Gas," 1878, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, and the Commissioner of Public Works having duly consented in writing to such transfer, to the appropriation "Contingencies, Mayor's Office," 1878 (executing the Dog Ordinance), for which it is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York* (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communication :

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, }
 City of New York, 155 and 157 Mercer St., }
 NEW YORK, May 17, 1878.

To his Honor SMITH ELY, Jr., Mayor,
and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir—I have the honor to communicate to you herewith preambles and resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of this Department, held on the 15th instant, as follows, and to request that the same be laid before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its next meeting :

"Whereas, The payment of certain claims against this Department out of the appropriation for the year 1877, for which the expenditure had been authorized during that year in

the customary manner, has, in conformity to a recent opinion from the Counsel to the Corporation, been refused by the Finance Department ; and

"Whereas, under the opinion referred to, such expenditures are held to have been incurred in and to be chargeable to the appropriation for the current year ; and,

"Whereas, the action referred to was taken by this Department under a misapprehension, and in the absence of any authorized construction of the provisions of law, and was in conformity to a custom prevailing during the last five years, and countenanced by the Finance Department ; and,

Whereas, The appropriation for new apparatus, etc., has been reduced year by year, and is fixed for the current year at an amount below the actual and indispensable requirements and necessities of the Department ; and

"Whereas, The payment of the claims referred to out of the appropriation for the current year would still further reduce the same, and to such an extent that the efficiency of the Department would be jeopardized thereby ; therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and is hereby requested to transfer the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) from the appropriation for the year 1877, to the appropriation for new apparatus, etc., for the year 1878, the said amount not being required for the year 1877, and necessary for the uses and purposes of this Department for the current year."

Very respectfully,

VINCENT C. KING,

President.

Which was referred to, and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

The Board took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

The Board reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M.

Present—All the members.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Rents—(Leases in force)," for 1878, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Contingencies—Comptroller's Office, for 1878," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell, and Mr. Donnelly, of the New York State Board of Charities, and Dr. Jas. R. Wood, appeared before the Board, and presented plans and specifications, and asked for an appropriation for a new Pavilion for the Insane, on the Bellevue Hospital grounds, the total cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Whereupon the CHAIRMAN presented the following consent to a transfer :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
 Commissioner's Office, Room 19, City Hall, }
 NEW YORK, May 28th, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir,—There being a surplus in the appropriation “Lamps and Gas,” for 1878, over and above the requirements of this Department, I hereby consent to a transfer from that appropriation of the sum of \$10,000 for the building of a pavilion, etc., for insane patients on Bellevue Hospital grounds, under the Commissioners of Charities and Correction.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for “Lamps and Gas” for 1878, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, entitled “For the Erection of a Brick Pavilion at Bellevue Hospital for insane patients,” said appropriation being required ; this appropriation is made with the express understanding that the cost of the erection and completion of the Pavilion shall not exceed the amount herein appropriated.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday,
June 5, 1878, at 2 o'clock P. M.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1878—2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—The following members, viz.:

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York*;

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen*;

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN acted as chairman *pro tem.* in the absence of the Mayor.

The minutes of the meeting held May 28th, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
June 4th, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

The communication of the Commissioner of Public Works, dated May 18th, 1878, requesting the transfer of the sum of

\$5,000 for the purpose of repairing the Essex Market building and armory of the Sixty-ninth regiment, N. G., S. N. Y., having been referred to the Comptroller at the last meeting of the Board, I respectfully recommend, in view of the necessity which appears to exist for making the repairs referred to, in order to keep the said market building and armory in good condition for occupation, the adoption of the annexed resolution.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for 1878, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation for "Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs—for repairing the Essex Market building, and Armory of the Sixty-ninth regiment, N. G., S. N. Y." for 1878, for which it is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following report :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
June 4th, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

At the last meeting of the Board, a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Department, adopted on May 17th, 1878, was presented, requesting the transfer of an appropriation ; which was referred to the Comptroller.

I respectfully submit the following report :

A transfer is asked of the sum of \$26,000 from the unexpended balances of appropriations to the Fire Department for 1877, to the appropriation for "new apparatus, etc." for the year 1878.

The appropriation made to the Fire Department for the year 1878, for "new apparatus, etc." and the expenditures on that account to June 1st, is as follows :

Amount of appropriation.....	\$175,000 00
" " expenditures.....	42,539 78
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Balance	\$132,460 22

By this statement it would appear that, at the rate of expenditure for the five months since January 1, the balance is sufficient for the purposes of the appropriation to the close of the year. Expenditures are limited by law to the annual appropriations, and I can see no reason, at this time, why the appropriation for the current year for these purposes and objects should be increased, nor do I know of any authority of law for making such a transfer as is asked for by the Commissioners of the Fire Department.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
June 4, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

At the last meeting of the Board an act, chapter 256, Laws of 1878, entitled "An Act relating to the Coroners of the City and County of New York, their duties and compensation," was presented by the Comptroller for consideration, and having been referred to him for report upon the provision of the fourth section thereof, relating to the salary of the four physicians appointed by the Board of Coroners, I respectfully submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It is provided by section 4, chapter 256, Laws of 1878, that

"It shall be the duty of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of said City, from time to time, as it may determine, to fix the salary to be paid to the physicians appointed as in this statute directed, for performing the duties herein provided. The salary to be paid to each of said physicians shall not in any one year exceed the sum of three thousand dollars. The salaries as in this act provided for shall be paid monthly by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York,"
and

Whereas, In pursuance of the provision of section 3 of said Act, the Board of Coroners of the City of New York has appointed "four qualified physicians," to perform the duties specified in the second section of said Act, as appears by a notice published in the *City Record*, on May 21, 1878; therefore

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of chapter 256, Laws of 1878, above cited, the salary of the physicians appointed by the Board of Coroners be, and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of three thousand dollars each, per annum, to be paid monthly as therein provided, from the date of their appointment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments*—3.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of "Assessment Bonds."

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized to issue, at such time and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds," for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, in pursuance of chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication:

The Hon. JOHN KELLY, and the
Board of Apportionment of the City of New York:

I respectfully request in behalf of "The Shepherd's Fold of Episcopal Church in the State of New York," that you make the statutory appropriation (\$5,000) to that institution for the year 1878.

New York, May 5, 1878.

A. M. SHERMAN,
Counsel for said Institution.

Which was referred to and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

The COMPTROLLER called up the New York and Brooklyn bridge matter, laid over at a meeting of May 28, 1878.

Whereupon Messrs. Sherman, John H. Strahan, O. B. Potter, Wm. H. Webb, A. B. Miller, Wm. H. Arnoux, and others, offered arguments against the further issue of bonds for the completion of the bridge.

Hon. H. C. Murphy made a statement in favor of the issue of the bonds required, and presented the following communication:

THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE, }
 OFFICE No. 21 WATER STREET, }
 BROOKLYN, June 5, 1878.

Statement of the sums of money called for, and as far as paid, under the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 300 of the Laws of 1875.

WHEN CALLED FOR.	FROM WHOM CALLED.	AMOUNT.	REMARKS.
June 9, 1875.....	{ City of Brooklyn..... } { City of New York..... }	\$1,000,000 500,000	Paid. "
February 9, 1876.....	{ City of Brooklyn..... } { City of New York..... }	\$1,000,000 500,000	" "
February 5, 1877....	{ City of Brooklyn..... } { City of New York..... }	\$1,000,000 500,000	" "
March 4, 1878.... ..	{ City of Brooklyn..... } { City of New York..... }	\$1,000,000 500,000	\$400,000 paid.
March 22, 1876.....	{ The calls on New York of June 9, 1875, and February 9, 1876, were embraced in a new call, say for \$1,000,000.		

O. P. QUINTARD,

Secretary.

Wm. H. Webb, Esq., presented a communication from the Council of Political Reform, protesting against the further issue of bonds for the completion of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge.

Which was read, and ordered on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City Hall. }

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1878, 1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, June 8, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to Reorganize the Local Government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to Consolidate the Government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the Support of the Government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the Support of the Government of the City of New York," passed

May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Monday, June 10, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated June 7, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, June 7, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor :*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday, the 10th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$250,000 Assessment bonds," and \$100,000 "Assessment Fund Bonds," under the provisions of laws now in force, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 8th day of June, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—The following members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held June 5, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, No. 301 MOTT STREET, }
NEW YORK, June 5, 1878. }

HON. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller :*

SIR—At a meeting of this Board, held on the 4th inst., it was *Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer from the unexpended balance of the appropriation of 1877, for "Small-pox Hospital," the sum of five thousand dollars, to be used in the employment of physicians to visit the tenement houses during the extreme hot weather."

(A true copy)

EMMONS CLARK,

Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, }
NEW YORK, June 10, 1878. }

I hereby consent that the within transfer of \$5,000 be made from the appropriation for "Small-pox Hospital," for the year 1878, which is in excess of the amount required, should the

same be found necessary by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

C. F. CHANDLER,

President.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made to the Health Department for the year 1878, entitled "Fund for Small-pox Hospital, and care of Contagious Diseases," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation to said Department, entitled "For salaries of Physicians employed to visit the tenement-houses during the extreme hot weather of 1878," for which it is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.*

The President of the Board of Aldermen appeared, and took his seat in the Board.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand and sixteen dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to "The Mission of the Immaculate Virgin for the

Protection of Homeless and Destitute Children," for the support of 170 children in said institution, committed by Police Magistrates pursuant to Chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from May 1, 1877, to May 1, 1878, aggregating 35,056 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child; the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of sixteen thousand and one dollars and forty-two cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Institution of Mercy," for the support of 723 children in said institution, committed by police magistrates in pursuance of chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from March 1, 1878, to May 31, 1878, aggregating 56,005 days at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 $\frac{57}{100}$ cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand nine hundred and one dollars and seventy-two cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the " Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominick " for the support of 134 children in said asylum, committed by police magistrates pursuant to chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from February 25 to May 31, 1878, aggregating 10,156 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about $28\frac{67}{100}$ cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen and, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "Assessment Bonds" and "Assessment Fund Bonds."

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
June 8, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

The third section of chapter 383, Laws of 1878, entitled "An Act relating to certain indebtedness of the City of New York, and to provide for the payment and cancellation of the same," provides as follows :

"Section 3. All moneys now in the Treasury of said City heretofore collected and received in payment or on account of assessments made and confirmed for local improvements in said City, and all moneys which shall hereafter be collected and received in payment or on account of assessments made and confirmed, or which may be made and confirmed, for local improvements completed prior to the passage of this act, shall be paid into the said Sinking Fund for the redemption of the City debt, and the same is hereby, in addition to the revenues and moneys aforesaid, pledged and appropriated to said last-mentioned Sinking Fund for the payment of the bonds and stocks of said City to be paid and redeemed therefrom as hereinbefore provided."

To provide the means for the payment of obligations of the city existing on June 3, 1878, for and on account of local improvements, the expense of which is payable in whole or in part by assessments upon property benefited, completed prior to that date, and which may thereafter be incurred for and on account of such improvements begun but not completed prior to that date, under the operation of the foregoing provision of

law, issues of Assessment Bonds and Assessment Fund Bonds, pursuant to law, are required.

For this purpose I submit the following resolution for adoption.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the provisions of section 112 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest, not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and for such periods, conformable to law, as he may determine, the following-named bonds to wit :

“ Assessment Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York,” authorized by chapter 397, Laws of 1852, and chapter 580, Laws of 1872, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.....		\$250,000 00
“ Assessment Fund Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York,” authorized by chap- ter 579, Laws of 1853, one hundred thousand dollars.....		100,000 00
Total.....		<u>\$350,000 00</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.



BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City Hall. }

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1878, 1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
New York, June 13, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to Reorganize the Local Government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to Consolidate the Government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the Support of the Government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the Support of the Government of the City of New York," passed

May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, June 14, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated June 13, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, June 13, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 14th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$25,000 "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock," authorized by Chapter 608, Laws of 1875, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 13th day of June, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—The following members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held June 10, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent the rule adopted at a meeting held June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock."

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock," as authorized by Chapter 608, Laws of 1875, and in full of requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated December 8, 1876, twenty-five thousand dollars.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City Hall. }

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1878, 1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, June 18, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed

May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Wednesday, June 19, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated June 18, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
Acting Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, June 18, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of "Additional Croton Water Stock," and "Croton Water-main Stock," under existing provisions of law, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 18th day of June, 1878.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.
WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.
JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—The following members, viz.:

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York* ;
 WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen* ;
 JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN acted as chairmen *pro tem.* in the absence of the Mayor.

The minutes of the meeting held June 14, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of "Additional Croton Water Stock" and "Croton Water-main Stock."

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Additional Croton Water Stock," as authorized by chapters 56 and 328, Laws of 1871, to the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, in full of requisition of the Department of Public Works of January 10, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Croton Water Main Stock," as authorized by chapter 477, Laws of 1875, to the amount of one hundred and eighteen thousand dollars, as called for in requisition of the Department of Public Works of October 23, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand three hundred and sixty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the

"Foundling Asylum of the Sisters of Charity," in the City of New York, being the amount necessary to pay for the support of sixty-nine "homeless and needy mothers, with nursing infants," in said institution, from September 1 to December 31, 1877, aggregating 242 months and 24 days, at \$18 per month, pursuant to chapter 43, Laws of 1877, and the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation of January 23, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen thousand four hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifty-two cents (\$15,421.52), be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund, to the following named Asylums and Institutions, to pay the balances due by the City, for the care and maintenance of inmates therein during the year 1877, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, of January 23, 1877, viz. :

" Foundling Asylum "	\$448 68
" Hudson River State Hospital "	122 02
" Institution for Deaf and Dumb "	2,542 36

" Le Couteux, St Mary's Institution for Instruction of Deaf Mutes ".....	30 00	0
" New York Juvenile Asylum ".....	1,730 28	8
" New York Infant Asylum "	6,491 71	-
" New York Homœopathic Asylum for Insane "	106 16	"
" Nursery and Child's Hospital ".....	817 29	
" Children's Fold ".....	654 71	
" Union Home and School for Education of Children of Volunteers ".....	4 77	
" St. Joseph's Improved Institution for Instruction of Deaf Mutes ".....	2,473 54	
Total.....	<u>\$15,421 52</u>	

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 221, of the Laws of 1875, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby appropriate the sums stated, from the Excise Moneys, to the following named Charitable and Benevolent Institutions, in the City of New York, which "Gratuitously aid, support and assist the Poor," as a per capita allowance, for the poor and destitute persons treated, cared for, or educated, in and by them, respectively, and

amounting, in the aggregate, to the sum of forty-nine hundred dollars (\$4,900), which appropriation is made, with the distinct provision that no part of these moneys is to be used or applied by any of said institutions as a permanent fund, or for the purpose of erecting or furnishing any building, or for the payment of the salary of any employee, but the whole amount allowed to each institution is to be used and applied to the purpose above stated, as provided by law, viz.: To "gratuitously aid, support and assist the Poor."

"Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children"—	
500 Children assisted, at 50 cents each.....	\$250 00
"Hebrew Lying-in Relief Society"—100 persons	
aided and assisted, at \$3 each.....	300 00
"House of Our Lady of the Rosary"—80 inmates	
supported, at \$5 each	400 00
"New York Training School for Nurses"—250 persons	
aided and assisted, at \$1 each.....	250 00
"Sea Side Sanitarium"—5,000 Children aided and	
assisted, at 10 cents each.....	500 00
"Floating Hospital of St. John's Guild"—10,000 persons	
aided and assisted, at 10 cents each	1,000 00
"St. Joseph's Home for the Aged"—300 persons	
supported, at \$5 each	1,500 00
"New York Adult Blind Aid Association"—200 persons	
aided and assisted, at \$1 each	250 00
"New York Employment and Relief Association"—	
500 persons aided and assisted, at 40 cents	
each	200 00
"New York Homœopathic Medical College Dispensary"—6,250 persons aided and assisted, at	
4 cents each.....	250 00
Total	
	<u>\$4,900 00</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City Hall. }

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1878, 1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, July 1, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor,

Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, July 2, 1878, at 1 o'clock, p.m., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated July 1, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }

NEW YORK, July 1, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor :*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 2d instant, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to pay claims for fitting up and furnishing Armories and Drill-rooms, as provided by Chapter 473, of the Laws of 1877, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 1st day of July, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,

President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,

President of the Department of

Taxes and Assessments.

Present—All the members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York;*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen;*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held June 19, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER presented the following communication:

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }

July 1, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Chapter 473 of the Laws of 1877 provides "for the determination and payment of claims for goods, merchandise and material furnished, and labor performed, in fitting up and furnishing armories and drill-rooms in the City of New York."

The investigation of the said claims has been made by the Commission created by the act for their determination, and on June 27, 1878, awards were made thereon by the Commissioners amounting to \$40,463.32, as follows:

NAMES OF CLAIMANTS.	Armory and Drill-Room upon which Work was performed.	Amount of Claim, including interest.	Amount allowed by Commission.
James Knapp, Executor..	Twelfth Regiment and Washington Gray Troop.....	\$13,327 62	\$9,281 85
John C. Wessells	Twelfth Regiment.....	1,342 94	771 05
Waterbury & Burns.....	Washington Gray Troop.....	1,826 67	1,450 00
Frederick Jocks.....	First Division, First Battalion Cavalry, and Twenty-second Regiment	14,416 86	7,652 89
Daniel Kelly.....	Twelfth Regiment, First Troop Cavalry, and Washington Gray Troop.....	8,991 99	5,500 00
Mathesius & Frey.....	Ninth Regiment.....	15,553 67	9,500 00
Margaret Mayer, Administratrix	Separate Troop Cavalry, Twenty-second and Fifty-fifth Regiments, and First Regiment Cavalry	1,705 18	1,027 30
John D. Ottiwell.....	Twenty-second Regiment.....	714 34	609 21
Peter Leicht.....	Twenty-second Regiment and First Regiment Cavalry. .	2,844 04	1,826 00
Geo. Fischer & Brother ..	Twenty-second Regiment.....	817 89	400 00
A. H. Blankenstein	Fifty-fifth, Twenty-second, and First Cavalry Regiments....	943 63	500 00
A. P. Green.....	Division Headquarters.....	235 64	120 00
Stephen Hayes.....	Ninth Regiment.....	847 63	685 00
William H. Ertell.....	Twelfth Regiment.....	158 99	120 00
A. L. Donegan.....	Ninth Regiment.....	459 64	239 00
M. Kane & Co.	Twenty-second Regiment.....	1,001 34	781 02
Total.....		\$65,188 07	\$40,463 32

For the payment of said awards the Sixth Section of the Act provides as follows :

“SECTION 6. The Comptroller of the City of New York is hereby directed to borrow upon bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, bearing interest at the rate of not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and payable at a period not to exceed three years from the date thereof, an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, to be used, exclusive of interest, to make all the payments herein provided for.”

A resolution, to authorize the issue of bonds for the amount of the awards, is herewith submitted for the action of the Board. Several claims yet remain undetermined, for which the awards will probably be made in a very short time, requiring the authority of the Board for a further issue of bonds, but not exceeding in all the amount authorized to be paid by the Act.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, from time to time, as required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, for a period not exceeding three years, bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the sum of forty thousand four hundred and sixty-three 32-100 dollars, to pay the awards made on claims for goods, merchandise and material furnished, and labor performed, in fitting up and furnishing armories and drill-rooms, as provided by Chapter 473, of the Laws of 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }

NEW YORK, June 20, 1878.

Hon. JOHN WHEELER, Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR,—The following resolution was adopted by the Commissioners governing this Department, at a meeting held yesterday, viz. :

*“ Resolved, That application be and hereby is made to the
“ Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate
“ and raise by tax in the year 1878, twenty-five thousand
“ dollars (\$25,000), to be expended by the Department of
“ Public Parks, in improving and regulating the several
“ public squares or places, laid out and established within
“ the lines of Fourth Avenue, in the City of New York,
“ between Sixty-seventh and Ninety-sixth Streets, in said
“ City, as authorized by Chapter 417, of the Laws of
“ 1878.”*

Respectfully,

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

Which was referred to the Comptroller, to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation.

The SECRETARY presented a communication from the Guild of St. Cecilia, dated June 24, 1878, asking for an appropriation from the Excise Fund.

Which was referred to, and original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, July 12, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the sup-

port of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, July 12, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated July 11, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
July 11, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 12th instant, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$20,000 "Assessment Bonds," for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, under Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 12th day of July, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—The following members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held July 2, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent the rule adopted at a meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "Assessment Bonds."

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, at such time and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds," for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, in pursuance of Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-two hundred and eight dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the " American Female Guardian Society " for the support of fifty-nine children in the Home under the management of said society, committed by police magistrates, in pursuance of chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from July 1, 1876, to June 30, 1878, aggregating 7,728 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments*—3.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of eleven hundred and thirty dollars and fifty cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for " Rents—(Leases in force)," for 1878, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations, which are insufficient, or require the same, viz. :

" Incumbrances in harbor, removal of," 1878...	\$265 00
" Advertising," 1877.....	365 50
" Advertising," 1878.....	500 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$1,130 50

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER submitted the following report, together with an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the communication from the Department of Public Parks, which was referred to him at meeting of July 2, 1878.

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
July 10, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

I submit herewith a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be "raised by tax in the year 1878," as authorized by chapter 417 of the Laws of 1878, to be expended by the Department of Public Parks, in improving and regulating the several public squares and places laid out and established within the lines of Fourth ave, between Sixty-seventh and Ninety-sixth streets.

The Counsel to the Corporation is of the opinion that, if the Board of Estimate and Apportionment sees fit to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose mentioned in the act, the amount should be included in the Final Estimate for the year 1878, and certified in the usual manner to the board of Aldermen. The Department of Public Parks, by resolution adopted

on the 19th of June, 1878, having requested the Board to make the said appropriation, I recommend the adoption of the resolution herewith presented.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, July 2, 1878.

HON. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

Sir,—With your letter to me of the 27th of June last was transmitted a copy of an act passed June 14, 1878, which contains, among other things, the following provision :

“The Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York are authorized to appropriate and raise by tax, in the year 1878, twenty-five thousand dollars, to be expended by the Department of Parks in improving and regulating the several public squares and places laid out and established within the lines of Fourth Avenue, in the City of New York, between Sixty-seventh and Ninety-sixth street.”

You call my attention to certain provisions of Section 112 of the Charter of 1873, and request to be advised whether the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is to literally carry out the above-quoted provision of the Act of 1878, and “is to raise by tax, in the year 1878,” the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or whether it is to proceed according to the provisions of said section of the Charter.

A literal compliance with said provision of said Act of 1878, is, of course, impossible, as neither said act nor any other statute, creates the machinery necessary to enable the Board of Apportionment “to raise a tax” for any purpose. The language used must be construed with reference to other existing provisions of law, and interpreted, if possible, in such man

ner as to give effect to the intention of the Legislature. That intention evidently was, that if the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should see fit to do so, it could appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose mentioned in the act, and cause the same to be raised by tax during the year 1878, in the same manner in which other taxes are raised in this city.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that if the Board of Apportionment sees fit to appropriate said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, that amount should be included in the final estimate for this year, and certified in the usual manner to the Board of Aldermen, as an item of such final estimate.

I am sir, yours respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

And offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It appears by the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, of July 2, 1878, that the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars should be included in the final estimate for the year 1878, in conformity with the intention of the Legislature authorizing the appropriation of that sum by the provisions of Chapter 417, of the Laws of 1878, for the purpose of "improving and regulating the several public squares and places laid out and established within the lines of Fourth Avenue, in the City of New York, between Sixty-seventh and Ninety-sixth streets" ; and

Whereas, The authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is necessary to make said appropriation in addition to the sum appropriated in the final estimate adopted on December 29, 1877, and which has been, pursuant to law, certified by the Comptroller to the Board of Supervisors ; therefore,

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 417 of the Laws of 1878, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of "improving and regulating the several public squares and places laid out and established within the lines of Fourth Avenue, in the City of New York, between Sixty-seventh and Ninety-sixth streets," and that the said amount be added to and included in the final estimate for the year 1878, to be raised by tax in said year, as by said act provided; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to certify said appropriation to the Board of Supervisors.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.*

The Chairman presented a communication from a Committee of the Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New York, asking for an increase of \$7,500 in the appropriation for that institution for the year 1878.

Which was referred to and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, July 18, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed

May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, July 19, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated July 18, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
Acting Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
July 18, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 19th instant, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of taking action on a communication from the Health Department, requesting a transfer of \$3,000 to an appropriation for "Expenses of Inspecting Fruit," and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED:

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 18th day of July, 1878.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.
JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—The following members, viz. :

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

The minutes of the meeting held July 12, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent the rule adopted at a meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "Revenue Bonds."

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue Revenue Bonds of the City of New York, authorized by Chapter 418 of the Laws of 1877, for the sum of seven hundred and seventy-five dollars and fifty cents, payable in 1879, and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, being the amount remaining unissued under said act, and required to adjust and pay claims "now on file in the Department of Finance for medical attendance and services performed and materials furnished in caring for and burying members of the National Guard, State of New York, killed and wounded while in the discharge of their duty in suppressing a riot in the City of New York, on the 12th day of July, 1871."

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars and thirty-one cents be and the same is hereby appropriated from the "Excise Fund" for the support of forty-six inmates of the "Home for Fallen and Friendless Girls," from April 1 to June 30, 1878, inclusive, at the rate of \$150 per annum, pursuant to Chapter 868, Laws of 1873.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

The CONTROLLER presented the following communication :

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, }
 155 AND 157 MERCER STREET, }
 New York, July 18, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

*Mayor and Chairman Board of
 Estimate and Apportionment :*

Sir,—I am instructed by the Board of Fire Commissioners to request the transfer of the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the appropriation for "New Apparatus," etc., for the current year, to the appropriation for the "Repair Shops' Pay-roll" for the current year.

The proportionate amount of the latter appropriation (\$40,000 for the year) has not, to this date, been exceeded ; but the demands already made, with those anticipated, upon the Repair shops, and not foreseen at the time of making the estimate for this year, make the transfer of the sum named imperatively necessary.

Very respectfully,

VINCENT C. KING,
President.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation to the Fire Department for the year 1878, entitled "For Apparatus, Supplies," etc., which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation to the said Department for the year 1878, entitled "Repair Shop, Pay-roll," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand and two dollars and fifty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "St. Stephen's Home," Nos. 145 and 147 East Twenty-eighth street, in the City of New York, for the support of fifty-three children in said Home, committed by Police Magistrates, pursuant to Chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from April 13 to June 30, 1878, aggregating 3,509 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28.57 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NO. 301 MOTT STREET, }
NEW YORK, July 16, 1878. }

HON. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum of three thousand dollars from the fund for Small-pox Hospital and Contagious Diseases to a fund for Fruit Inspection.

(A true copy)

EMMONS CLARK,

Secretary.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation to the Health Department for the year 1878, entitled "Fund for Small-pox Hospital and care of Contagious Diseases," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation to the said Department entitled "For expenses of Inspecting Fruit," for which it is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments*—3.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
 NEW YORK, July 15, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR,—Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of my letter of this date to the Board of Aldermen, recommending that Second avenue, from Twenty-third to Forty-second street, be repaved with Belgian or trap-block pavement.

For the reasons therein stated, I would request that the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) be transferred from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas," for 1878, for which it is not needed, to the appropriation for "Repaving Streets under chapter 476, Laws of 1875," for the year 1878, and I would respectfully urge your early action in the matter.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
 Commissioner's Office, Room 19, City Hall, }
 NEW YORK, July 15, 1878.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—Under chapter 476, Laws of 1875, there has been appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for "Repaving Streets," the sum of \$200,000 for 1877, and \$300,000 for 1878. The appropriation for 1877 was supplemented by a transfer of \$11,000 from surplus balances of other appropriations of this Department, making the total amount hitherto appropriated for "Repaving, under chapter 476, Laws of 1875," \$511,000.

With your authority and approval, the appropriation of 1877 was expended in laying 105,624 square yards of new granite and trap-block pavements, and for the year 1878 contracts have been made and partly completed for 143,574 square yards of granite and trap-block pavements and 23,000 square yards of Macadam pavement, covering the appropriation of \$300,000. These contracts do not include Waverley place from Broadway to Christopher street, which is one of the streets which you authorized to be repaved by your resolution, approved February 26, 1878.

The necessities of public travel and the condition of the pavements are the only considerations which have controlled the Department in the difficult duty of selecting from among the many miles of streets requiring pavements, the comparatively few that could be repaved out of these appropriations.

The improvement in the facilities for traffic and in cleanliness are quite appreciable in the localities where the repaving has been done, but the wear and tear and decay of old pavements in other places counterbalance in good part the work so far done.

I have deemed it proper, therefore, to request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer to the appropriation for "Repaving, under chapter 476, Laws of 1875," the sum of \$65,000 from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas," on which there is a large surplus in consequence of the reduction in the cost of lighting public lamps.

This transfer will enable the Department to repave Waverley Place, from Broadway to Christopher Street, as already authorized, and which is now covered by a worthless wooden pavement.

And I further certify and report to your Honorable Board, in accordance with the provisions of section 1, chapter 476, Laws of 1875, that the safety, health, and convenience of the

public require that Second Avenue, from Twenty-third to Forty-second Street, be repaved with Belgian or Trap-block pavement, of which mode and manner of paving said avenue I hereby approve.

As the season is already far advanced, and the preparation of contract and specifications, advertising, letting, approval of sureties, execution of contracts, etc., will consume considerable time, I respectfully request your immediate action in this matter.

Very respectfully
(Signed) **ALLAN CAMPBELL,**
Commissioner of Public Works.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation to the Department of Public Works, for the year 1878, entitled " Lamps and Gas," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation to the same Department for 1878, entitled " Repaving, under chapter 476, Laws of 1875," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3

The COMPTROLLER presented communications from the Department of Public Works, dated July 11 and 12, asking for

the transfer of an appropriation, and requiring the issue of \$50,000 Croton Water Stock,

Which were referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

The COMPTROLLER presented a communication from the Common Council dated July 16, 1878, asking for the transfer of an appropriation.

Which was referred to and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

At a meeting of the Board, held June 5, 1878, John H. Strahan, Esq., appeared before the Board as counsel to O. B. Potter, Wm. H. Webb, and others, Committee of the Council of Political Reform, and made an argument in opposition to the further issue of bonds to the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, and stated that he would, at some future date, present the legal points, objections, etc., in writing.

The same were presented and referred to, and original papers sent to the Counsel to the Corporation.

The COMPTROLLER presented a communication from the Board of Police Justices, showing the number of commitments to reformatory and charitable institutions during the month of June, 1878.

Which was referred to the Comptroller, with instructions to obtain from the said Board information as to the religious belief of the parents of the children committed.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, July 25, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, July 26, 1878, at 1

o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated July 25, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
Acting Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
July 25, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 26th instant, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of a public fund or stock, in the name and on behalf of the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York, to the amount of \$50,000, to pay for the work necessary to restore Tompkins square as a public park, as authorized by Chapter 411 of the Laws of 1878, and called for by requisition of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks upon the Comptroller, dated July 24, 1878; and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 25th day of July, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—All the members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York;*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen;*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held July 19, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication:

NEW YORK, July, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor and Chairman Board of

Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR,—The undersigned property owners and occupants of houses on the line of Hanover street, between Wall street and Hanover square, respectfully submit that the pavement on that street, part of which is wood and the remainder cobble-stone, is in very bad condition, and should be replaced by a new pavement; and that a noiseless pavement of a durable character would be very desirable and beneficial for the transaction of the class of business carried on in that vicinity.

With the view of securing such a pavement your petitioners have ascertained that "the asphalt and stone paving blocks" of the "National Stone Block Company" has been laid and tested in several cities, including Philadelphia, San Francisco, St. Louis and Chicago, and has been found durable, smooth and noiseless, and that it is recommended by eminent engineers and other gentlemen of character and responsibility. The company offers to put down this pavement at a very low cost—about one-half their regular price—in order to introduce it in this City and demonstrate its qualities.

Your petitioners applied to the Commissioner of Public Works to have this pavement put down in Hanover street, but were informed by him that, while he approved of the pavement and considered the offer advantageous, he was prohibited from accepting it by the following provision of section 115, of the Charter of 1873 : "Except for repairs no patented pavement shall be laid, and no patented article shall be advertised for, contracted for or purchased, except under such circumstances that there can be a fair and reasonable opportunity for competition, the conditions for which shall be prescribed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment."

Your petitioners, therefore, respectfully request that your Board will take the necessary action to enable the Commissioner to put down the "asphalt and stone paving blocks" above mentioned in Hanover street.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,

Wall and Hanover streets.

JOHN J. CISCO & SON,

Wall and Hanover streets.

C. A. ARTHUR,

Collector, Custom House.

SMITHERS & WATSON,

Agents, Bank of Montreal,

59 Wall, corner Hanover street.

WM. W. GOODRICH,

59 Wall street.

WALTER T. MILLER & CO.,

5 Hanover street.

EDW. HARRISON'S SONS,

4 Hanover street.

SALI & MOSES,

4 Hanover street.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
 NEW YORK, July 19, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,
*Mayor and Chairman Board of
 Estimate and Apportionment :*

SIR,—I am acquainted with the facts set forth in the petition of Messrs. Brown Brothers & Co. and others, that your Board would authorize this Department to lay the “asphalt and stone paving blocks” in Hanover street.

From the practical tests to which this pavement has been subjected in other cities, especially in Philadelphia, where it has been in use for the past six years, I am satisfied that in the proposed location it will answer a good purpose. The price at which it is offered to be laid in Hanover street is very low, and the street is much in need of repaving.

I would, therefore, recommend that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

And submitted the following report :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 July 26, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

A communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, dated July 19, 1878, recommending favorable action by this Board upon an accompanying petition of certain property owners and occupants of houses for laying a pavement in Hanover street, between Wall street and Hanover square, with

"the asphalt and stone paving blocks" by the "National Stone Block Company," has been received, and is now submitted for the action of the Board.

I respectfully represent that patent pavements have heretofore been disastrous failures in this city. In many of the principal streets and avenues trials of various kinds of pavements have been made at immense expense upon representations and supposed evidence of their great value and superiority. The failure of these experimental pavements has subjected the city and property owners to enormous loss and damage, the condition of the streets in many cases being almost impassable for a long time after the pavements were laid, occasioning great public inconvenience and annoyance as well as injury to property and private rights.

Stone-block pavements are found by experience to be the only satisfactory and reliable pavements for the climate and thoroughfares of this city.

The Charter of 1873 contains stringent provisions against the use of patent pavements, and in view of this state of the law and the past experience of this city in regard to them, it would seem to be inexpedient that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should give the sanction of its authority to lay such a pavement as is asked for in said petition and recommended by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

On motion, the report was adopted and the request refused.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication, referred to him at meeting of July 19, 1878 :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
 NEW YORK, July 11, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

Mayor and Chairman Board of

Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR,—In order to enable this Department to make requisition for the payment of a bill for services of inspector of plumbing work on the Third District Court House, I have to request that the sum of one hundred and ninety dollars and forty-one cents (\$190.41) be transferred from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas for 1877," for which it is not needed, to the appropriation for "Third District Court House." This Department had no knowledge of this claim when asking for the transfer of \$1,500 to this appropriation in December last. The inspector employed by the late Commissioners for the erection of the Third District Court House, ceased his services on the 31st December, 1876, when the terms of the Commissioners expired. In order that the city's interests might be protected in the matter of the plumbing work then in progress, the architects, Messrs. Withers & Vaux, who had sole charge of the construction of the building from January 1, 1877, to , deemed it necessary and proper to employ a competent person or persons to inspect the work. They certify that the services were performed, and this Department is also convinced that they were properly performed, and should be paid.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

And submitted the following report :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 July 26, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

In the matter of the application of the Commissioner of Public Works, dated July 11, 1878, requesting the transfer of \$190.41 from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for 1877, to the appropriation for "Third District Court House," referred to the Comptroller at the last meeting of the Board, I respectfully recommend that the Secretary be directed to inform the Commissioner of Public Works that if he desires a transfer of the amount for the purpose named from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for 1878, the Board will comply with his request to that effect as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

Which was referred to the Secretary, with request to communicate with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works.

By unanimous consent the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of Consolidated Stock of the City of New York.

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
 36 UNION SQUARE (EAST),
 NEW YORK, July 24, 1878. }

HON. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller :*

SIR—At a meeting of the Commissioners governing this Department, held this day, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz. :

Whereas, The Common Council, by resolution, adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 16th of July, 1878, and approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 20th of July, 1878, has directed this Department to restore Tompkins Square, as a public park, as authorized by chapter 411, of the Laws of 1878.

Resolved, That requisition be, and hereby is, made upon the Comptroller of the City of New York to create and issue, in the name and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, a public fund or stock to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, to be applied to payment for the work so directed by the Common Council, as authorized by section 2, chapter 411, Laws of 1878.

Respectfully,

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

CHAPTER 411.

An Act to confer powers upon the Common Council of the City of New York to restore Tompkins Square as a public park.

Passed June 12, 1878 ; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The Common Council of the City of New York is hereby authorized to direct the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York to restore Tompkins Square as a public park or square.

SEC. 2. To provide the means for the work authorized by the first section of this act, the Comptroller of the City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to create and issue

after the said Department of Public Parks has been so directed by the Common Council, and within twenty days after requisition is made on him to do so by resolution of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, or a majority of them, in the name and on behalf of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, a public fund or stock to an amount to be mentioned in said requisition and not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, payable on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, with interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent. per annum, and the proceeds of said fund or stock shall be applied to payment for the work authorized by this act.

SEC. 3. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York is hereby directed to include in the final estimates of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York during the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, an amount sufficient to pay both principal and interest of the fund or stock authorized to be issued by this act.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding six per cent. per annum, "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, payable November 1, 1879, as authorized by chapter 411 of the Laws of 1878, and called for in requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated July 24, 1878, as the amount required under said act to restore Tompkins Square as a public park or square.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would

agree with said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented communications from Ladies' Deborah Nursery, dated June 20, and the New York Christian Home for Intemperate Men, dated July 20, 1878.

Which was referred to and the original papers sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, July 31, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, con-

stituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Thursday, August 1, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated July 31, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
Acting Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
July 31, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Thursday, the 1st day of August, 1878, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$3,100 of bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, under Chapter 473, Laws of 1877, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 31st day of July, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—the following members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held July 26, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to the calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York.

The CONTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, July 29, 1878.

Hon. JOHN WHEELER, Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR,—Under date of 11th instant, I requested the transfer of the sum of one hundred and ninety dollars and forty-one cents (\$190.41), from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas for 1877," to the appropriation for "Third District Court House," to enable the Department to make requisition for the payment of claims against the latter account.

I would now request that the transfer be made from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas for 1878," in place of being made from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas for 1877."

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and ninety dollars and forty-one cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for the year 1878, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation for "Third District Court House" for the year 1877, for which the same is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)*
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—3.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the 'Board of Police be, and is hereby, authorized to transfer the sum of eleven hundred and ninety-three dollars from the appropriation to the Police Department, for the year 1877, entitled "Police Station Houses—Alterations, fitting-up, additions to and repairs of Station Houses, etc.," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for the year 1875, entitled "Construction of Stables for Thirty-third Precinct," which is insufficient, as set forth in resolution adopted by the said Board of Police on May 10, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Section 112 of Chapter 335, of the Laws of 1873, as amended by Section 20 of Chapter 757 of the Laws of 1873, provides as follows :

“The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments shall constitute a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, who shall, annually, between the first day of August, and the first day of November, meet, and by the affirmative vote of all the members, make a provisional estimate of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County in each Department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the then ensuing financial year.” * * *

“For the purpose of making said provisional estimate, the heads of Departments and the Board of Education shall, at least thirty days before the said provisional estimate is required to be made as herein provided, send to the Board of Apportionment an estimate, in writing, herein called a Departmental Estimate, of the amount of expenditures, specifying, in detail, the objects thereof required

in their respective departments, including a statement of each of the salaries of their officers, clerks, employees, and subordinates."

"The same statement as to salaries and expenditure shall be made by all other officers, persons, and boards having power to fix or authorize them."

"A duplicate of these departmental estimates and statements shall be made at the same time to the Board of Aldermen ;" therefore,

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to notify the heads of all the City Departments, and the officers of the City and County of New York to prepare their "Departmental Estimates" for the year 1879, in conformity with the foregoing provisions of law, and send the same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment prior to the first day of September, 1878.

Resolved, That the officers of all institutions which may be entitled by law to allowances of money from the City and County of New York, be also notified by the Comptroller to send their estimates for the year 1879.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said preamble and resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments*—3.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
July 30, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

The Armory Commission, appointed by and under Chapter 473 of the Laws of 1877, have finished their investigation of claims for goods, merchandise and material furnished, and labor performed, in fitting up and furnishing armories and drill-rooms in the City of New York, and, in addition to the awards made on June 27, 1878, made the following awards on July 26 and 27, 1878, and then adjourned *sine die* :

NAMES OF CLAIMANTS.	ARMORY AND DRILL-ROOM UPON WHICH WORK WAS PERFORMED.	AMOUNT OF CLAIM.	AMOUNT ALLOWED BY COMMISSION.
Otto Meyer.....	Third Regiment of Cavalry, 37 and 37½ Bowery.....	\$1,500 00	\$700 00
Robert Burckhardt.	First and Third Regiments of Cav- alry, 37 and 37½ Bowery.....	4,496 45	800 00
George W. Sauer...	241 and 293 Bowery, Ninety-sixth and Sixth regiments, N. G. S. N. Y., and Battery B.....	3,094 60	1,600 00
	Total.....	\$9,091 05	\$3,100 00

A resolution authorizing the issue of bonds for the amount of these awards is herewith submitted for the action of the Board. The sixth section of the act creating the Commission provides for the issue of bonds to an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to pay the awards made on claims presented to the Commission. The claims presented for the determination of the Commission amounted to \$74,279.12, and the awards made amount in all to the sum of \$43,563.32.

* Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,*

Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby, authorized to issue, at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, for a period not to exceed three years, bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the sum of thirty-one hundred dollars, to pay the awards made on July 26 and 27, 1878, by the Commission appointed by and under Chapter 473 of the Laws of 1877, on claims for goods, merchandise, and materials furnished and labor performed in fitting up and furnishing armories and drill-rooms.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
and the President of the Department of Taxes
and Assessments*—3.

The SECRETARY offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-nine hundred and ninety-five dollars and three cents be and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation "Contingencies—Department of Taxes and Assessments, 1877," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Contingencies—Department of Taxes and Assessments, 1878," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, August 8, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed

pairs made upon them this year have already cost about \$9,000, and are not yet finished.

An addition to the appropriation for "Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance" is, therefore, absolutely necessary, and I have to request that the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be transferred to it from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for 1878, for which the said sum is not needed.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation "Lamps and Gas," 1878, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance," 1878, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.

Absent—
The President of the Board of Aldermen.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appropriation for the year 1878, entitled "Rents—Leases in force," is hereby made applicable to the payment of one year's rent of the premises on the southwest corner of Fourth Avenue and Eighteenth Street, leased on the first day of May, 1878, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, from Catharine Bradley, for the term of five years, at a rent of twelve hundred dollars per annum, for the use and purposes of the Sixth District Civil Court.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

Absent—

The President of the Board of Aldermen.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of Assessment Bonds.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds," for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, in pursuance of Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.*

Absent—

The President of the Board of Aldermen.

The CHAIRMAN presented communications from the "Public Schools Aid Society" and the "Ladies' Union Relief Association," asking for appropriations from the Excise Fund ; also a communication from Mr. John Taylor Johnston, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, asking for an additional appropriation of ten thousand dollars, for the support of the Museum, in 1878.

Which were referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

Mr. A. B. Clarke, Secretary of the "Public Schools' Aid Society," appeared before the Board, and made remarks concerning the workings and purposes of the Society, and submitted a statement relative to the affairs of said Society.

Which was referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, September 7, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed

May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, September 10, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated September 7, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
September 7, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$25,000 "Assessment Bonds," for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, under Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 7th day of September, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

JOHN WHEELER,

President of the Department of

Taxes and Assessments.

Present—the following members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held August 9, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at a meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of "Assessment Bonds," "Revenue Bonds," and "Croton Water-main Stock."

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds," for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, in pursuance of Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Revenue Bonds" to the amount of five thousand dollars, as authorized by Section 5 of Chapter 213 Laws of 1871, to meet the expenses incurred or to be incurred in applying water-meters to buildings, &c., in which water is furnished for business consumption, as provided in Section 73 of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, and on account of requisition of the Commissioner of Public Works of August 14, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments*—3.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Croton Water-main Stock," as authorized by Chapter 477, Laws of 1875, to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, on account of requisition.

tion made by the Department of Public Works, dated May 20, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine dollars and seventy-two cents be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominick," for the support of 161 children in said asylum, committed by Police Justices, pursuant to Chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from June 1st to August 31, 1878, aggregating 13,089 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
and the President of the Department of Taxes
and Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of seventeen thousand two hundred and four dollars and twenty-eight cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Institution of Mercy," for the support of 794 children in said institution, committed by Police Justices, pursuant to Chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from June 1st to August 31, 1878, aggregating 60,215 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand two hundred and seventy-six dollars and eighty-five cents be, and the same

is, hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to "The Mission of the Immaculate Virgin for the Protection of Homeless and Destitute Children," for the support of 146 children in said institution, committed by police justices, pursuant to chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from May 1 to July 31, 1878, aggregating 11,469 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments*—3.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of thirteen hundred and eighty-eight dollars and twenty-seven cents be, and is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for "Disbursements and Fees of County Officers and Witnesses, exclusive of Sheriff's Fees," for the year 1878, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations, which are insufficient or require the same, viz. :

"Advertising," 1877.....	\$80 80
"Contingencies—Comptroller's Office," 1878.....	1,000 00

"Hudson River State Hospital," 1877.....	122 02
"Le Couteulx St. Mary's Institution for Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes in the City of Buf- falo," 1877.....	30 00
"State Homœopathic Asylum for the Insane," 1877	106 16
"New York State Lunatic Asylum," 1877.....	49 29
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Total.....	<u>\$1,388 27</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communications:

POINTS

Submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on objections made in opposition to granting the requisition of the Trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge, for the issue of bonds by the City of New York for bridge purposes.

First—The City of New York cannot, under the Constitution of the State, issue its bonds, or incur any indebtedness for the purposes of the Brooklyn Bridge.

(1.) This bridge undertaking was commenced by a joint stock company, incorporated as "The New York Bridge Company," by chapter 399 of the Laws of 1867. The statute of incorporation provides that the capital stock of the company shall be five million dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each; and

power was conferred upon the company to borrow from time to time an amount not to exceed in the aggregate the capital stock ; and by section 12 of the same statute the Cities of New York and Brooklyn were authorized to subscribe to the capital stock of the company such amounts as two-thirds of the Common Council of each City should determine, and each City was authorized to issue bonds for the amount of its subscription, payable in not less than thirty years.

(2.) Under the authority so conferred the Common Council of the City of New York subscribed for fifteen thousand shares of the stock of the company, and the City of Brooklyn thirty thousand shares ; and each city issued from time to time its bonds for the amount of its subscription, one million five hundred thousand dollars by New York, and three million dollars by Brooklyn. These amounts were paid to the company, and expended on the undertaking.

(3.) Only five thousand shares of the company's stock were subscribed for, in addition to the shares taken by the cities of New York and Brooklyn, and on these five thousand shares only three hundred and forty-nine thousand eight hundred dollars was paid to the company, and the amount so paid was expended on the undertaking.

(4.) By another statute, chapter 601 of the Laws of 1874, a scheme was enacted by which the stock of the private stockholders of the Bridge Company was to be purchased at the expense of the cities of New York and Brooklyn. It was by this statute further provided, that the bridge was to be, when completed, a public highway ; and for the purpose of completing the same, the cities of New York and Brooklyn were each authorized to issue further bonds, and with the proceeds of the same to purchase stock of the company as follows : the City of New York the sum of five hundred thousand dollars in each of the years 1874 and 1875, and the City of Brooklyn

the sum of one million dollars in each of said years. These additional subscriptions, of an aggregate of three million dollars, were, the statute expressly provided, to complete the bridge.

(5.) No action was taken under the authority of this statute of 1874, because of the constitutional amendments adopted that year, and which went into effect January 1, 1875. By one of the amendments, article 8, section 11, it is declared that "No county, city, town, or village, shall hereafter give or loan its money or credit to, or in aid of, any individual, association, or corporation, or become directly, or indirectly, the owner of stock in, or bonds of, any association or corporation, nor shall any such county, city, town, or village, be allowed to incur any indebtedness, except for city, town, or village purposes."

As the statute of 1874 authorized the respective Cities of New York and Brooklyn to issue their bonds, and to apply the proceeds thereof for the purchase of stock of the association or corporation of "The New York Bridge Company," the bonds so authorized could not be issued for this purpose, after the constitutional amendments had gone into effect, for neither city could, after that date, become the owner of any of the stock of the bridge company. The statute of 1874 became, therefore, wholly inoperative, as containing a scheme, engrafted upon a joint stock company, which compelled the Cities of New York and Brooklyn to issue bonds in aid of the undertaking of the company,

(6.) To overcome, if possible, the difficulties interposed by the constitutional amendments, another statute was passed, Chapter 300, Laws of 1875, which provides (section 1), "Whenever two-thirds of the private stock of the New York Bridge Company shall have been retired from the said company, by the purchase of the right of the holders thereof in the said com-

pany, as provided in and by Chapter 601 of the Laws passed by the Legislature, at its last session, the said company shall be dissolved, and the debts and liabilities of the same shall be paid by the trustees hereinafter mentioned, and the bridge now in course of construction over the East river, between the Cities of New York and Brooklyn, by the said company shall be completed and managed as hereinafter provided, for and on behalf of the Cities of New York and Brooklyn, as a consolidated district for that purpose."

And section 3 of the same statute provides, "that from and after the dissolution of said company the said bridge shall be a public work to be constructed by the two cities, for the accommodation, convenience, and safe travel of the inhabitants of the said district, and the expense of constructing and maintaining the same, and acquiring the land necessary therefor, and all liabilities imposed upon them, or incurred by them in virtue of this act, shall be defrayed by the said cities, in the proportion of two-thirds part by the City of Brooklyn, and one-third part by the City of New York, and for such purpose the said trustees shall, from time to time, as they shall deem necessary, call upon the said cities by request made by the Mayor and Comptroller thereof, respectively, for such sums as they shall deem proper in the proportions above mentioned; provided, however, that the whole amount to be paid by both cities shall not exceed eight million of dollars, and the City of New York shall not be called upon to pay a greater sum than one million dollars in any one year, and the City of Brooklyn not more than two million dollars in any one year, until the said bridge shall be fully completed, and open for public travel, and the debts and liabilities incurred therefor shall be fully paid; and the said Cities of New York and Brooklyn are hereby authorized and required, from time to time, to issue bonds bearing interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, for

the purpose of meeting the requirements of the said trustees and to pay the proceeds thereof to them."

By this statute of 1875 a new scheme is devised as to this undertaking. The Bridge Company is dissolved, on payment being made as provided in the statute of 1874 to the private stockholders of the amount of their respective subscriptions to the stock of the company, with interest. The bridge is declared to be a public work, and a new territorial district is established, described in the statute as a consolidated district, consisting of the Cities of New York and Brooklyn; these cities being required to incur an indebtedness not exceeding eight millions of dollars to complete the bridge, in the proportion of two-thirds by the City of Brooklyn and one-third by the City of New York. This scheme, while it no doubt obviated the objections founded on one of the constitutional amendments—to which the scheme in the statute of 1874 was obnoxious, viz.: the clause prohibiting cities becoming the owners of stock in corporations—is itself in conflict with another clause in the constitutional amendments, viz.: the clause prohibiting any city from incurring any indebtedness except for the purposes of such city. By the express terms of the statute of 1875, the bridge undertaking is declared to be a purpose of the consolidated district—New York and Brooklyn. It is not, therefore, a purpose of the City of New York, and not being a purpose of the City of New York, the Constitution prohibits any debt of the city being incurred therefor.

If the Legislature can, for such a purpose as the Brooklyn Bridge, make a new district, including two cities, and requiring such cities to incur an indebtedness for a purpose—declared to be a purpose of such consolidated district—what is there to prevent the Legislature from passing an act declaring that the several cities of the State shall be a consolidated district, and to declare that it shall be a purpose of such consolidated dis-

trict to construct and maintain a highway, railroad, pipe line, or some other public undertaking, and requiring the several cities to incur in definite proportions an indebtedness sufficient to meet the aggregate cost of such undertaking? If the Legislature can combine two cities into a district for this purpose it certainly can combine two counties, and if two counties, why not ten or more counties? In fact, all the counties of the State, and require the several counties—consolidated into a district—to incur an indebtedness for the purpose of the undertaking. The constitutional limitation seems to be that no municipal or county indebtedness can be incurred for what is not an exclusive purpose of such municipality or county; and as this bridge is not a purpose of the municipality of the City of New York, the city is prohibited from incurring any debt in aid of the same.

Second—The maximum amount of eight millions of dollars, authorized by the statute of 1875 to be raised and expended in completing the bridge, and opening the same for public travel, and for paying the debts and liabilities incurred therefor, has been already expended on the undertaking and any further issue therefor of the city bonds for this purpose is not authorized by the law of 1875.

(1.) Before the statute of 1875 was passed the City of New York had issued its bonds to the amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars, and the City of Brooklyn its bonds to the amount of three millions of dollars, which amounts had been expended in constructing the bridge. After these expenditures had been made, Chapter 601 of the Laws of 1874 was passed, which authorized, for the purpose of "completing" the bridge, a further subscription of one million of dollars by the City of New York, and two millions of dollars by the City of Brooklyn. Then by the statute of 1875, it is provided that the expense of "constructing and maintaining the bridge, and

acquiring the land necessary therefor, and all liabilities relating thereto, should be defrayed by the cities of New York and Brooklyn, in the proportion of two-thirds by Brooklyn and one-third by New York ;" provided, however, that the whole "amount to be paid by both cities shall not exceed eight millions of dollars * * * until the said bridge be fully completed and open for public travel, and the debts and liabilities incurred therefor shall be fully paid."

The proviso that the whole amount to be paid by both cities should not exceed eight millions of dollars to complete the bridge, open it for travel, and pay all debts and liabilities incurred in relation thereto, fixes the maximum amount to be expended by the trustees upon the undertaking, and beyond the limitation so fixed the trustees have no right to expend any further sum thereon, and the respective cities are not authorized to respond to any demand in excess of the limitation so fixed.

It is conceded, that the cities of New York and Brooklyn have already paid, in behalf of this undertaking, the maximum amount authorized by the statute of 1875, viz. : Eight millions of dollars in the proportion of two-thirds by the City of Brooklyn and one-third by the City of New York. Any further issue of bonds in behalf of the undertaking by either city is not therefore authorized by law.

Third—Assuming that the limitation of eight millions of dollars, provided in the statute of 1875, is in addition to the amounts advanced by each city to the undertaking previous to the passage of that act. It being conceded by the bridge trustees that even for this maximum amount, in addition to the previous advance by each city, the undertaking as at present designed cannot be completed, and open for travel, and the debt and liabilities of the undertaking all paid and dis-

charged, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is not justified in authorizing the further issue of bonds of the City of New York, for the bridge, until the plans and estimates are revised, and the expense of the structure brought within the limitations authorized for its construction.

No bonds of the City of New York (with certain exceptions which do not include bridge bonds) can be issued, except as authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in addition to the authority required by law.

Sec. 4, Chap. 583, Laws of 1871.

Sec. 112, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873.

Authorizing the issue of bonds of the city is more than a mere ministerial act on the part of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Before such authority is given, the Board should be satisfied that the purposes of the law, for which such bonds are authorized to be issued, are being carried into effect, and the restrictions imposed by such law are being observed, and given effect to ; and if satisfied that this is not so, then it is the duty of the Board to refuse its authority to the issue of any bonds for such purpose.

Accepting the most favorable construction of the provision of the statute of 1875, viz.: that the eight million dollars authorized by that statute was in addition to the four millions five hundred thousand previously subscribed by the cities of New York and Brooklyn, it is clear that the Legislative sanctions to the bridge becoming a public work was that it should be completed and opened for travel, and all debts and liabilities incurred therefor fully paid, at a cost or expense not exceeding this amount.

The Legislature authorized the trustees to proceed with a public work, and to expend in completing the same and in paying all debts incurred in relation thereto eight million dollars, and it is only for such an undertaking that the cities of New

York and Brooklyn are required to pay this sum of eight million dollars, in the proportions prescribed by the statute of 1875.

It is conceded by the trustees, as to the work they are proceeding with, that they have not paid, and apparently do not propose to pay, any attention or give any heed to the directions and restrictions of the statute as to the cost of the undertaking. What they really say is—it is quite true this restriction of eight millions dollars is contained in the statute, and it is equally true, that we do not restrict our operations by this statutory limitation, we proceed as we have begun, and that, to the extent of eight million dollars authorized to be paid, the Cities of New York and Brooklyn must comply with such requisitions as we may be pleased to make, and when this amount is expended by us in the manner we propose, that is in building a part of the bridge, and in paying a part of the debts incurred, the work will be stopped until a further issue of bonds is authorized to enable us to complete the same as we propose, and at such cost and expense as we may approve.

Proceeding thus on the part of the trustees, is an abuse of the power conferred upon them by the statute, a waste of Public Funds, a violation of Public Trust, which ought not to receive the sanction of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, or any of the officers of the City of New York, at least until the same has received judicial sanction.

JOHN H. STRAHAN,
Of Counsel.

BROOKLYN, June 29, 1878.

Dear Sir,—I have examined the brief or argument submitted by John H. Strahan, Esq., to the Board of Estimate of New York City, in opposition to the further issue of bonds in said City for bridge purposes.

Three distinct points are made by Mr. Strahan :

The first is that the construction of the bridge is not a City and County purpose, so far as the City of New York is concerned, and therefore that the Act of 1875, directing the issue of bonds for such purpose, contravenes Section 11, Article 8, of the constitutional amendments.

By the common law, bridges were charges upon the counties. This part of the common law was never adopted in this State, but bridges with highways of which they constituted a part were charges upon the towns.

Hill *vs.* Supervisors of Livingston, 12 New York, 52.

Where the bridge was over a stream separating two towns, the towns were liable for the expense of its construction and maintenance in equal shares.

Session Laws of 1841, Chapter 225.

Convery *vs.* Rice, 4 Lansing, 141.

Beckwith *vs.* Whalen, 5 Lansing, 370.

This was equally true whether the two towns were in the same county or different counties.

But many of the large bridges constructed in different parts of the State were the subject of special legislation, which, in certain cases, directed their construction and maintenance by the towns, not equally but in different proportions, and in other cases charged the bridge on the whole county, or adjoining counties, if such bridge separated counties. By a general act also, when the burden of the maintenance of a bridge is too onerous on the town in which it lies, or on the towns which it separates, the Supervisors of the County are authorized to apportion such charge among the several towns of the county in such shares as shall seem proper.

But all these decisions and the several Acts of the Legislature recognize the principle that presumptively towns, cities, or vil-

lages, are bound to contribute in equal shares to the construction and maintenance of any bridge across a stream separating such towns or cities, subject, of course, to the right of the legislature to alter or fix the respective proportions of such contributions.

Section 18, Article 11 of the Constitution, as amended, inhibits the future passage of special acts, for the construction of bridges, but from the operation of such amendment bridges over the East River are expressly excepted.

I am, therefore, of opinion that the construction of the present bridge over the East River, is to the extent to which by law it is imposed on the City of New York, as much a charge on that city, and within the meaning of the constitution a "city purpose," as the maintenance of any bridge, street, or highway lying wholly within the limits of such city.

The criticism, however, is made that the Act of 1875, provides for a consolidated district of both the Cities of New York and Brooklyn. On that assumption the argument is based that a public work undertaken for such a district is not a "purpose" of one of the cities composing such a district.

An examination of the Act of 1875, will show that it was not the intention of the Legislature to constitute a new political division of the State, but solely to provide the machinery for joint action in a common work by two separate municipalities.

The trustees are appointed by the municipal authorities, each acting separately.

Second.—The statute expressly provides (see section 12), that the title to the bridge shall vest, not in the consolidated district of the two cities, nor in the inhabitants of such district, but in severalty in the two cities as separate municipal corporations. It certainly must be that a work properly chargeable to a city, and a share in the title to which it is to acquire, must be a city purpose.

The second point made is that the amount of eight millions authorized to be raised by the third section of the Act of 1875, includes the moneys hitherto contributed by the two cities to the bridge. The language of the act as to this limitation is: "And for such purpose the said trustees shall from time to time, as they shall deem necessary, call upon the said cities by request made to the Mayor and Comptroller thereof respectively, for such sums as they shall deem proper in the proportions above mentioned, provided, however, that the whole amount to be paid by both cities shall not exceed eight millions of dollars.

The language "to be paid" is, strictly construed, certainly future in its significations. That it was not so used without purpose is shown by a reference to the twelfth section, which provides that the title to the bridge shall vest in the cities in shares "equal to the amount paid and to be paid" by them. The context plainly shows that it is a limitation upon the amount to be paid to the trustees, which could only apply to further contributions.

I think it is further made apparent by the consideration that the City of New York had at the time of the passage of the act paid \$1,500,000 towards the enterprise by way of stock in the company. Its third of the eight millions would be but \$2,666,666. Under the construction claimed by Mr. Strahan, this would leave but \$1,166,666 to be paid under the Act of 1875. I submit that a provision limiting the amount of contribution in any one year to a million of dollars would be hardly consistent with the idea of a total contribution of somewhat over eleven hundred thousand dollars.

The third point is, that the trustees of the bridge concede that the bridge cannot be completed for eight millions of dollars; that it was only for a work to be completed for said amount that the City of New York is authorized or required to

insue its bonds and advance its moneys, and that the Board of Estimate of that City may examine and determine the question whether the plans in progress can be carried out within the statutory limitations.

I do not understand the trustees to make the concession claimed. But even if that were so, I am of opinion that the limitation of eight millions is solely a limitation on the amount of moneys to be contributed by the two cities and not on the cost of the work itself. But I contend that a determination or assurance that the bridge could be completed for the sum named was not a necessary condition of the jurisdiction of the trustees to prosecute the work.

The first section of the act provides that, on retiring the private stock of the old corporation, "the bridge now in course of construction shall be completed and managed as hereinafter provided."

The second section provides that the trustees "shall have full power, control and direction over the plan and construction of said bridge," and generally should have the powers and duties of the directors of the former bridge company.

In the third section of the act is found the limitation as to amount.

It will be seen from these sections that the Legislature intended the prosecution and construction of the particular bridge then building; that to the trustees appointed under the act was committed in the fullest degree such construction, and the determination of the plan of such construction. In the grant of authority over such plan and construction no limitation is found, but the intention is that the power should be unlimited to the same extent that the same was formerly vested in the directors of the old company. The limitation is found only in the third section and solely as limiting the amount of the contributions of the cities of New York and Brooklyn,

to the work, which otherwise would have been entirely subject to the determination of the trustees. That the language containing the proviso, strictly and technically construed, is but a limitation on the amount of contributions of the cities and not of the cost of the work, can hardly be denied.

But I think further, that an examination of the exact status of the enterprise at the time of the passage of the act will conform to this view.

Four and one-half millions of dollars had already been invested by the two cities towards building the bridge. Evidently, the paramount intention of the Legislature was that the work should be continued to completion. It was a work necessarily lasting over a term of years during which prices of materials might fluctuate largely. It was work from its magnitude and its peculiar character incapable of being made the subject of contract and necessarily subject to contingencies. Its cost was therefore incapable of ascertainment in advance with that reasonable certainty or assurance with which the cost of other works may be foretold. The case is nowise similar to the authorization of, or direction, to a municipal corporation to erect a building for a specified sum. For a building for the purpose, some plan could be made within the amount appropriated. But while the whole plan of the bridge is committed to the trustees, its main features were beyond their control. The bridge could not be made longer or shorter, nor the towers higher or lower, nor its strength nor the size of the cables less. These conditions were determined by the locations of the structure. Besides, the bridge was erected not only in pursuance of the laws of this State, but under an act of Congress, which requires the structure to conform to certain conditions. These the trustees could not infringe. Of all these considerations the Legislature was aware, and it must be that legislation was made in view of them, and that when the Legislature ordered

the immediate prosecution of the enterprise, it did not intend that either the trustees or the two municipalities could refuse to go on with the work on the ground that sufficient funds were not provided for its completion. Especially when, nowhere in the act, is there any limitation in terms of the cost of the bridge.

But, further, I am of opinion that no officers or board, save the trustees of the bridge, can pass upon the question of its estimated cost. Any power in the Board of Estimate to determine for itself before issuing bonds, whether the plan on which the bridge is now being constructed can be carried out within the amount limited, would necessarily involve a review of the decision of the trustees as to such plan, and be utterly inconsistent with the provisions of the statute that such trustees "shall have full power, control and direction over the plan and construction of said bridge."

Neither the acts of 1871, nor of 1873, increasing the powers of the Board of Estimate of New York City, can limit the effect of subsequent legislation in the Act of 1875, for the construction of the bridge.

But, again, if this question could be raised at all by either municipality, it could only be raised, and must have been determined, at the time of the original appropriation under the Act of 1875, when the municipal authorities of the City of New York authorized the issue of all the bonds to be required under that act.

It is not possible, then, a public work authorized by law and valid at its inception should become illegal at some time during its progress, if the prices of material should increase, and again be valid when such prices have fallen.

I further think that chapter 165, Laws of 1875, authorizing the trustees to take lands for a change of a site of Frankfort Street, is a legislative recognition that the prosecution of the

work on the bridge under the present plan is a valid execution by the trustees of the powers granted by the Act of 1875. That very act authorizing a work involving increased expenditures and such increased expenditure done under authority of law cannot invalidate the plan adopted by the trustees.

I have the honor to be, yours respectfully,

EDGAR M. CULLEN,

Counsel.

To Hon. HENRY C. MURPHY.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE, }
OFFICE, No. 21 WATER STREET, }
BROOKLYN, July 2, 1878. }

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York :

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a communication addressed to me by Edgar M. Cullen, Esq., Counsel of this Board, embracing our reply to the points submitted to your Board on objections made in opposition to granting the requisition of this Board in March last for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars from the City of New York.

This answer would have been sent at an earlier day, if the points had been served upon me sooner ; but they were not received until June 24th last, when they reached me by mail.

Trusting that it will prove satisfactory to your Board, I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Yours truly,

HENRY C. MURPHY.

To the President of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir,—The communication dated July 19, 1878, transmitting the written argument of John H. Strahan, Esq., for O. B. Potter, Esq., William H. Webb, Esq., and others, against the further

issue of bonds for the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, was duly received, as was also the argument in reply of E. M. Cullen, Esq., of counsel for the bridge company, forwarded to me by the Comptroller on the 9th day of July.

The laws relating to the Brooklyn Bridge received careful consideration at my hands on a former occasion, and resulted in a communication to the Common Council on the 10th day of September, 1875 (see *City Record* No. 689, September 21, 1875), in which I expressed the opinion that, under the provisions of chapter 300, of Laws of 1875, there can be no doubt that it is the duty of the City of New York to raise by the issue of bonds, and pay over to the trustees of the bridge company one-third of eight million dollars.

Three objections not heretofore considered by me are made in the argument of Mr. Strahan ; but, after a full consideration of them, I see no cause to change the opinion on the subject heretofore given.

The first objection made is that the law is unconstitutional, as being in violation of the prohibition contained in the eleventh section of the eighth article of the constitution, to the effect that no city shall be allowed to incur any indebtedness except for city purposes. It is urged that this bridge is not being built for the exclusive purpose of the City of New York, but of New York and Brooklyn, and that, in recognition of this fact, the Act of 1875, which authorizes the issue of the bonds, prescribes that the two cities shall constitute a consolidated district for its construction and management, thus recognizing the expenditure to be for the purpose of the consolidated district, and not of the City of New York exclusively.

The object of the constitutional provision referred to was to prevent the diversion of public money to objects other than the legitimate public purposes and public works of the city. The text of the amendment shows its purpose : " No county, city,

town, or village shall hereafter give any money or property, or loan its money or credit to or in aid of any individual, association, or corporation, or become directly or indirectly the owner of any stock or bonds of any association or corporation, nor shall any such city, town, or village be allowed to incur any indebtedness except for county, city, town, or village purposes."

It is quite true that if the construction of this bridge is not a legitimate public work, for which our people may be taxed, then the legislative authority for this issue of bonds is unconstitutional, as contravening the last sentence of the constitutional provision cited.

The objectors, of course, would not dispute that the construction of a bridge over a stream lying entirely within the limits of the city or county would be a purpose of such city or county; for from a date long anterior to the adoption of this constitutional provision down to the last session of the Legislature it has been the invariable custom to treat the erection of bridges as a legitimate object of public expenditure and to impose upon adjoining towns and counties the burden of an equal contribution toward the erection of bridges over division streams.

Laws of 1841, chapter 225.

Laws of 1878, chapter 77.

The sole point of the objection is that because the object of this contemplated expenditure is one in which Brooklyn is also interested that it ceases to be an expenditure for the exclusive purpose of the City of New York; but it is to be noticed that there is no such word in the constitutional provision as "exclusive," nor is there anything which requires that the public purpose for which public money may be used should be one in which only one city, village, or town is interested. If it were construed in the manner such as the objectors claim, the only effect would be that cities, counties, villages, and towns would

each be compelled to erect, independently, bridges across division streams instead of uniting and sharing the expenses of a structure properly a common burden. It would substitute a double system of construction throughout the State of bridges and other works in which there were common interests, in place of advantages growing from the common and harmonious construction and arrangement. This was not, I think, the intention of the constitutional provision. So long as the purpose for which the public money is to be used is one of those legitimate objects of public expenditure, it is not affected, in my opinion, by the fact that some other city is also interested therein.

The reference in the act to a new district composed of New York and Brooklyn is not such as to create a new political division of the State, but it is a provision for securing joint action in a common work by the two municipalities.

The second objection that there has already been expended upon the bridge more than \$8,000,000, depends upon the proposition that the third section of the Law of 1875 (chapter 300) limits the total expenditure for the bridge, including the moneys already used before the passage of the act, to the sum indicated.

This proposition is not sustained, in my opinion, by the language of the section, which is as follows : " Provided, however, that the whole amount to be paid by both cities shall not exceed eight millions of dollars."

The expression " to be paid " is clearly future in its general signification, and that it was not used in this statute without a full understanding of such general significance, appears from the phrase employed in the twelfth section the effect that the completed bridge shall vest in the two cities in shares " equal to the amount paid and to be paid " by them for the construction, etc.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that in the third section of the law the limitation refers only to expenditures thereafter to be made by the two cities.

The third and last objection that the bridge cannot be completed for \$8,000,000, in addition to the amount expended before the passage of the law of 1875, depends upon the proposition that the law imposes an obligation upon the cities to advance the \$8,000,000 only in case this amount shall be sufficient to fully complete the bridge.

As I read the law, no such qualification is attached to the obligation of the cities to make the indicated payments.

That obligation is unqualified, except in two specified particulars: First, that the whole amount to be paid by both cities shall not exceed eight millions of dollars, and that the City of New York shall not be called upon to pay more than one million dollars in any one year, subject to these limitations alone. The City of New York is authorized and required to issue its bonds as called for by the trustees of the bridge.

It will be noticed that the second section of the Law of 1875 gives the Board of Trustees full and exclusive power, control, and direction over the plan and construction of the bridge, and consequently the trustees alone are to pass upon the question whether or not their plans can be carried out at a cost of less than eight millions of dollars. No other power or board is authorized by any law known to me to entertain jurisdiction of an enquiry on this point.

The limitation of the third section is not in terms upon the cost of the bridge, but upon the amount to be paid by the two cities. The reason is obvious. While it might be difficult, if not impossible, for the city officials having no control over the affairs of the bridge to determine its probable cost, it would always be perfectly simple for them to ascertain what amounts the cities had actually paid. This, therefore, was the limitation

adopted. The exclusive control of the construction being left to the trustees, the cities are directed to make their several advances until the sum of eight millions of dollars shall have been paid by them. At that point the trustees lose their jurisdiction, not over the bridge, but to demand more money, and at that point only can the two cities refuse to make their respective payments.

The duty imposed by law upon the trustees of the bridge is to produce a specific structure which cannot be reduced in length, for it must reach from one side of the river to the other; nor in height, for it must conform to the requirements of the Act of Congress of March 3, 1869; nor in its strength, for it must be safe beyond question. Unless it should appear, therefore, beyond possibility of dispute that there were several methods of meeting these requirements, and that the trustees had selected one involving an expenditure of more than \$3,000,000, while another equally good might have been pursued at a cost of less than \$8,000,000, I much doubt whether it would be proper even for a body possessing a right of supervision to question the propriety of the procedure.

I do not understand that any such state of facts is either conceded or claimed to exist; the papers present no question as to the entire good faith and propriety of the trustees in their official action, and no reason is shown for supposing that any greater expense has been incurred than is actually necessary.

It may be also observed that by a later law than that of 1875 (chapter 165, Laws of 1877), the Legislature has authorized the trustees of the bridge to take proceedings for the acquisition of additional lands in the City of New York, and has authorized and required the trustees to incur expenses additional to any which have been incurred had not this new authority been given.

This, in connection with the previous grant of power, would

lead to the conclusion that the trustees alone are to pass on the question of cost, and the city officers are merely to see that there is not paid from the city treasuries more than \$8,000,000.

The words of the statute authorizing the requisition upon the cities and commanding them to pay are explicit, unqualified except as I have stated, and imperative. Whatever may be thought of the wisdom of the undertaking or of the provision which the law makes for it, there cannot, it seems to me, be much real doubt as to what the law requires of the two cities.

In conclusion, Mr. Strahan addresses his objections to your Honorable Board with a request that it will exercise the power of restricting the issue of bonds conferred by section 4 of chapter 583 of the Laws of 1871, and section 112 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873.

As to this I would say, that chapter 583 of the Laws of 1871, so far as the same relates to the City of New York, was repealed by the 119th section of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, and the 112th section of this last law—the present charter—authorizes your Honorable Board to act only with reference to such bonds as were then—April 30, 1873—authorized by law to be issued.

The bonds which are required for the bridge are authorized by a law passed two years later than the charter, and would not, therefore, come within the provisions of either of the laws cited by Mr. Strahan.

I would further state that, by the terms of the law of 1875, the requisition of the trustees is to be directed not to your Honorable Board but to the Mayor and Comptroller, and by the third section the city is not only authorized but required to issue its bonds. If any further authority is necessary, which I much doubt, it is the authority of the local legislative body, the Common Council. This authority, I find, was supplied on the 6th day of May, 1876, when the Board of Aldermen passed

an ordinance authorizing the Comptroller to issue bonds for the purposes of the bridge to the full amount of \$2,666,666.66, and prescribing in detail exactly how the bonds should be signed, sealed, and countersigned (see *City Record*, No. 881, May 8th, 1876).

I am, therefore, of the opinion, that your Honorable Body is without jurisdiction in the matter ; that under the Law of 1875 and the ordinance of May 8, 1876, the right of the bridge trustees to receive the money called for is perfect, and that without further action it is the duty of the Comptroller to issue the bonds and pay the money to the amount of the requisition of the trustees, to the extent of \$2,666,666.66, under the act of 1875.

I herewith return the arguments of Mr. Strahan and Mr. Cullen.

Respectfully yours,

WM. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

To the Honorable the Mayor, Comptroller, and Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York :

The Committee appointed by the Council of Reform to take into consideration the further issue of bonds of this city to the trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge, have read the opinion of William C. Whitney, Esq., Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, upon the papers relating to Brooklyn Bridge submitted to him by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for his consideration.

We do wholly dissent from this opinion, and therefore, have to renew the request of the Council of Reform that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment withhold any further issue of the aforementioned bonds until the question whether this bridge is not being constructed contrary to the law of the

State of New York, and also of the United States, shall be judicially decided, and which question is now pending before the courts.

Independent of the question of legality, the Council of Reform has presented undeniable evidence that the bridge will cost many millions (approaching eight to ten millions) in addition to the \$8,000,000 allowed by the Act of the Legislature of 1875.

The President of the Bridge Company has admitted that the Bridge cannot be built and completed for \$8,000,000.

The engineer of the bridge J. A. Roebling, estimated in 1860 the cost of building the bridge at a height of two hundred feet, which he declared to be necessary for the requirements of commerce, at \$3,000,000. He increased this estimate in 1866 to \$4,000,000, and in 1867 to \$7,000,000.

In 1872, his son, W. A. Robeling, having succeeded to his father's position as engineer-in-chief of this work, and the height of the bridge having been reduced from two hundred feet to the maximum height of one hundred and thirty-five feet, estimated the cost at \$9,500,000.

In 1873, the same engineer estimates it at \$13,045,065.67, and again, in 1875, at \$13,145,065.

The Legislature certainly gave no authority either to the trustees of the bridge to incur liabilities, or to your Honorable Board to make appropriations to the extent of \$8,000,000, with the assurance at hand that with the expenditure of that amount the bridge would be left incomplete.

Under these circumstances we cannot believe that your Honorable Board will become participants in so palpable a violation of an act of the Legislature without being fully authorized by a superior judicial decision.

The Council of Reform is, therefore, prepared to sustain the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in refus-

ing to issue bonds as now asked for by the trustees of the bridge, and the council will see that the proper and full defence is made against any action of the trustees of the bridge to compel the issue of said bonds.

Dated New York, August 16, 1878.

By order of the Committee,

W. H. WEBB,

Chairman.

Which were referred to, and the original papers sent to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following communication :

THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE, }
OFFICE No. 21 WATER STREET, }

BROOKLYN, August 14, 1878.

At a regular meeting of the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, held on Monday, August 5, 1878, a quorum being present, the following resolution was adopted :

“ Resolved, That the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge hereby call upon the Cities of New York and Brooklyn for the sum of one million of dollars from the City of Brooklyn, and five hundred thousand dollars from the City of New York, for the purposes specified in section 3 of chapter 300 of the Laws of 1875, such sums being, in the opinion of this Board, proper and necessary, and that request be made to the Mayor and Comptroller of said cities accordingly.”

(A true extract from the minutes.)

O. P. QUINTARD,

Secretary.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE, }
 OFFICE NO. 21 WATER STREET, }
 BROOKLYN, August 15, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor*, and Hon. JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller of the City of New York:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a copy of a resolution of this Board, adopted on the fifth day of August, instant, calling upon the City of Brooklyn for one million of dollars, and upon the City of New York for five hundred thousand dollars, for the purposes specified as therein stated, and to request payment of the City of New York accordingly.

Yours, most respectfully,

HENRY C. MURPHY,
President.

Which was referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

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BOARD OF
ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, September 21, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor,

Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Monday, September 23, 1878 at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated September 21, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
September 21, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor,

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday, the 23d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$699,000 "Assessment Fund Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," under Chapter 756 Laws of 1873, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 21st day of September, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—The following members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held September 10, 1878, were read and approved.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, }
 Corner of Third avenue and Eleventh street, }
 NEW YORK, September 14, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,

President Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR,—I transmit the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at a meeting held this day :

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be directed to make application to the Honorable Board of Apportionment for the transfer, from unexpended balances, of one thousand dollars to complete the Insane Pavilion to be located on Bellevue Hospital grounds.

Very respectfully,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,

Secretary.

Which was referred to, and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the following appropriations, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

“ Disbursements and fees of County officers	
and witnesses,” 1877.....	\$1,500 00
“ Election expenses,” 1877.....	1,500 00
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Total.....	\$3,000 00
to the appropriation for “ Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance,” for 1878, which is insufficient.	

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments*—3.

A delegation of property owners from the annexed district appeared before the Board and made statements in favor of the issue of stock for the purpose of building a bridge across the Harlem River.

The Comptroller presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }
NEW YORK, September 19, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller*.

Sir,—At a meeting of the Commissioners of this Depart-

ment, held yesterday, the following preambles and resolution were adopted, namely :

- " *Whereas*, This Department on the 20th day of February, 1875, made requisition on the Comptroller of the City of New York to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and Section 16, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, for the construction of a bridge over Harlem River ;
- " *And Whereas*, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on the 21st day of March, 1876, authorized the said Comptroller to issue said bonds to the amount of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars ;
- " *And Whereas*, No further action has been taken in the matter by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and the building of the said bridge cannot be proceeded with until a sufficient amount of said bonds has been authorized to be issued by said Board of Estimate and Apportionment ; therefore,
- " *Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, respectfully and urgently requested to authorize the Comptroller of said City to issue the residue of said bonds (namely, bonds to the amount of ninety thousand (\$90,000) dollars), as mentioned in the aforesaid requisition of this Department of February 20, 1875."

Respectfully,

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and

at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Stock of the City of New York" to the amount of ninety thousand dollars, for the purpose of providing for the expense of constructing a bridge and the approaches over the Harlem River, as authorized by Chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and Section 16, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, and in full of requisition of the Department of Public Parks of February 20, 1875, and in compliance with request of said Department of September 18, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, October 2, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed

May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Thursday, October 3, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated October 2, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
October 2, 1878. }

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor,

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Thursday, the 3d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 2d day of October, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—The following members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held September 23, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of New York County Court House Stock No. 5, and Assessment Bonds.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE COMMISSION, }
 ROOM 28, NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE, }
 NEW YORK, September 23, 1878.

HON. JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller :

SIR,—The following resolution was this day adopted by this Commission :

“ *Resolved*, That the Commissioners for the completion of the
 “ New County Court House hereby request the Comptrol-
 “ ler of the City of New York to issue, from time to time,
 “ as may be required by said Commissioners, ‘ New York
 “ County Court House Stock No. 5,’ as authorized by
 “ Chapter 583 of the Laws of 1871, amounting to twenty
 “ thousand (\$20,000) dollars, for the purpose of completing
 “ the said Court House.”

Respectfully,

WYLLIS BLACKSTONE,

Chairman County Court House Commission.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "New York County Court House Stock No. 5," as authorized by Section 7, Chapter 583, Laws of 1871, to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, in full of requisition of September 23, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments*—3.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds" for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, in pursuance of Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments*—3.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS }
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL. }

NEW YORK, September 25, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor and Chairman Board of

Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR,—By request of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, I beg to inform you that I give my consent to the transfer of the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for 1878, for the purpose, of which the said sum is not required, to the appropriation for the keeping, preservation, and exhibition of the collections in the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Works for the year 1878, entitled "Lamps and Gas," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks, for the year 1878, entitled "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—For the keeping, preservation, and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, }
Corner of Third avenue and Eleventh street, }
NEW YORK, September 28, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR,—I transmit the following proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction at a meeting held on this day.

Resolved, That application be made to the Board of Apportionment for the transfer of twenty-five hundred dollars from salary account, to the appropriation for building two new pavilions at Hart's Island.

By order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Charities and Correction, for the year 1878, entitled "Public Charities and

Correction—For Salaries, etc.," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the said Department for the year 1877, entitled "Public Charities and Correction—For the erection of two pavilions on Hart's Island," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

HEALTH DEPARTMENT—No. 301 MOTT STREET }
NEW YORK, September 24, 1878. }

HON. JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller, etc. :

SIR,—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day it
was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be
and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum
of three thousand dollars from the fund for Small-pox
Hospital and Contagious Diseases to the Fund for Disin-
fection.

(A true copy.)

EMMONS CLARK,

Secretary.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Health Department for the year 1878, entitled "Fund for Small-pox Hospital and Care of Contagious Diseases," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the said Department for 1878, entitled "Health Fund—For Disinfection" which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, October 8, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the

President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Wednesday, October 9, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated October 8, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
October 8, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor,

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Wednesday, the 9th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 8th day of October, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

W. R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—All the members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held October 3d, 1878, were read and approved.

The CONTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of eleven hundred and forty-eight dollars and twenty-eight cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "St. Stephen's Home for Children," Nos. 145 and 147 East Twenty-eighth street, in the City of New York, for the support of fifty-one children in said home, committed by Police Magistrates, pursuant to chapter 404 Laws of 1878, from July 1st to September 30th, 1878, aggregating 4,019 days at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation dated January 16th, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of seven hundred and nineteen dollars and eighteen cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Home for Fallen and Friendless Girls," for the support of forty-four inmates, from July 1st to September 30th, 1878, inclusive, at the rate of \$150 each per annum, pursuant to chapter 868 Laws of 1873.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative--*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments*—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and ten dollars and eighty-six cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Ladies' Deborah Nursery and Childs' Protecorey," for the support of thirty-two children committed by Police Magistrates in pursuance of Chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from August 1 to September 30, 1878, aggregating 1,088 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about $28\frac{57}{80}$ cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, }
Corner of Third Avenue and Eleventh Street }
NEW YORK, October 5, 1878. }

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR,—I transmit the following amendment to the resolution adopted by this Board September 14, 1878, and forwarded to the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be directed to make application to the Honorable Board of Apportionment, for the transfer from unexpended balance "For furniture and salaries for Second District Prison, 1878," of the sum of one thousand dollars, to complete the Insane Pavilion to be located on Bellevue Hospital grounds.

Very respectfully,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,

Secretary.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Charities and Correction for the year 1878, entitled "For furniture and salaries for new Second District Prison," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1878, entitled "For the erection of a brick pavilion at Bellevue Hospital for insane patients," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
300 MULBERRY STREET, }
NEW YORK, October 8, 1878.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held on the 4th inst., it was,

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are hereby requested to transfer from the unexpended balance

of appropriation for 1877, in the account of 'Alterations and Repairs of Station-houses,' to the account of 'Judgments,' for 1878, the sum of \$3,976.17, to pay a judgment for that amount in favor of Ira D. Clapp against the Board of Police of the Police Department of the City of New York, by the Court of Appeals, rendered February 16, 1878;" also

"Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are hereby requested to transfer from the unexpended balance of Appropriations for the Police Department for the year 1877, in the account of 'Alterations and Repairs of Station-houses,' to the account of 'Rents,' in the Bureau of Street Cleaning, for 1878, the sum of \$1,400, to pay rents to that amount due and unpaid to Cornelia Emmet and Emily Thorndike, for the rent of premises Nos. 72 and 73 West Street, occupied as stables by the Street Cleaning Bureau in the year 1874."

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,

First Deputy Clerk.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of fifty-three hundred and seventy-six dollars and seventeen cents be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1877, entitled "Police—Station-houses—Alterations, Fitting up, Additions to, and Repairs of Station-houses, etc.," which is in excess of the amount required for the purpose and objects thereof, to the following appropriations made for the year 1878, which are insufficient or require the same, viz. :

" Judgments " (to pay a judgment in favor of Ira D. Clapp against the Board of Police).....	\$3,976 17
" Cleaning Streets under Police Department " (to pay for rent of stables Nos. 72 and 73 West Street).....	1,400 00
Total	<u>\$5,376 17</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars and ninety-nine cents be, and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations, made for the year 1877, which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

" Rents—Leases in Force "	\$5,024 99
" Interest on the City Debt "	12,500 00
Total	<u>\$17,524 99</u>

—to the following appropriations made for the year 1878, which are insufficient or require the same, viz. :

" Incumbrances in Harbor—Removal of "	\$197 00
" Jurors' Fees, including Expenses of Jurors in Criminal Trials "	4,827 99
" Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, for all Supplies, and for Wages of Foremen, etc."	12,500 00
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Total	\$17,524 99
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL. }

NEW YORK, October 7, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor and Chairman Board of

Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR,—In view of the rough condition of many of our streets it is of the utmost importance that the repairs of pavements be continued with all possible energy, and all the means available

until frost sets in. The appropriation for "Repairs and Renewal of Pavements" is nearly exhausted, and unless additional means are provided the greater part of the work will have to be stopped, and most of the repair gangs discharged within the next ten days. There will be surplus balances on several of the appropriations made to this Department, which, under the circumstances, could not be applied to a better purpose than the repairs of pavements, and will enable the Department to fill up and pave over many bad holes in the streets, and continue the work during the present favorable weather.

I would therefore request that the following amounts be transferred to the appropriation for "Repairs and Renewal of Pavements" for 1878, from the respective appropriations, for the purposes of which they are not needed, to wit :

From "Free Floating Baths," for 1878	\$3,000 00
From "Lamps and Gas," for 1878.....	2,500 00
From "Public Buildings, Construction, and Repairs," for 1878.....	7,000 00
From "Wells and Pumps—Repairing and Cleaning," for 1878.....	2,500 00
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Total	<u>\$15,000 00</u>

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to, and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

The SECRETARY presented a petition from the Twentieth and Twenty-second Ward Taxpayers' Associations, asking that \$500,000 be appropriated for paving the streets.

Also, a communication from the Central Taxpayers' Association, protesting against the further issuing of bonds to the New York and Brooklyn Bridge.

Which were ordered on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, October 12, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor,

Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Monday, October 14, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated October 12, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }

October 12, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor,

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday, the 14th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 14th day of October, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

WM. R. ROBERTS,

President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,

*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—All the members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held October 9, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented a communication from the Department of Public Works referred to him at last meeting, and offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be, and the same is, hereby transferred from the following appropriations made to the Department of Public Works for the year 1878, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz.:

" Free Floating Baths ".....	\$3,000 00
" Lamps and Gas ".....	2,500 00
" Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs, including Repairs to Armories ".....	7,000 00
" Wells and Pumps—Repairing and Cleaning,"	2,500 00
Total	<u>\$15,000 00</u>

to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1878, entitled "Repairs and renewal of Pavements," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1878—1:30 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, October 28, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th Section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor,

Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, October 29, 1878, at 1:30 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated October 28, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }

October 28, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor,

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 29th instant, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 28th day of October, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WM. R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—All the members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held October 14, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
October 22, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, held this day, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz. :

Whereas, Section 7, of Chapter 383, of the Laws of 1878, provides that,

“ Whenever, and as often as the Commissioners of said Sinking Fund shall certify to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of said City, that the accumulation in said Sinking Fund shall not be sufficient to meet the payment of any bonds or stocks falling due in the next following calendar year, it shall be the duty of said Board, and it is hereby required, to include in the annual estimate for such year, to be raised by tax on the estates, real and personal, in said city, subject to taxation, such an amount, to be applied to the payment of said bonds or stocks, as shall be certified by said Commissioners, and the amount so included in said estimate shall be paid into said Sinking Fund, and applied as in this section specified ; provided,

however, that the amount so to be raised by tax and paid into the Sinking Fund, as in this section provided, shall not, in any one year, be less than the sum of one million dollars, nor more than two million dollars ;" and,

Whereas, It appears that a communication to this Board from the Comptroller, dated October 21, 1878, that the amount of bonds and stocks of the City, payable from taxation, falling due in the year 1879, is \$1,447,155.35, and that the estimated accumulations of the Sinking Fund during the said year will amount in the aggregate to \$3,800,000 ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby certify to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the accumulations of the Sinking Fund in the year 1879, applicable to the redemption of bonds and stocks of the City of New York, which are payable from taxation by the provisions of the statutes authorizing their issue, and which fall due in said year, will not be sufficient to meet the payment thereof ; and they do further certify that the amount to be raised by tax, and paid into the Sinking Fund in the year 1879, to be applied to the payment of such bonds and stocks, as provided in Section 7, of Chapter 303, of the Laws of 1878, shall be the sum of one million dollars.

W. H. DIKEMAN,
Secretary.

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and ninety-seven dollars and seventy-two cents be, and the same is hereby, appro-

priated from the Excise Fund to the "American Female Guardian Society," for the support of thirty-two children in the Home under the management of said society, committed by police magistrates, under the provisions of Chapter 249, Laws of 1847, and Chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from July 1 to September 30, 1878, aggregating 2,516 days, at two dollars per week, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877, and Chapter 105, Laws of 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of sixteen hundred and sixty-five dollars and twenty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the following appropriations made to the Department of Taxes and Assessments for the year 1877, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz.:

"Salaries—Department of Taxes and Assessments"	\$940 27
"Salaries—Board of Assessors"	725 00
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Total	\$1,665 27
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—to the following appropriations made for the year 1878, which are insufficient, viz. :

" Salaries—Commissioners of Accounts".	\$665 27
" Advertising"	1,000 00
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Total.	<u>\$1,665 27</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Secretary presented communications from the Common Council relating to the appointment of Janitors for Civil and Police Courts, and requesting that the sum of \$500,000 be inserted in the Budget for 1879, under the head of Repairs and Renewals of Pavements.

Which was referred to, and the original papers sent to, the Comptroller.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Departmental Estimates for the year 1879 be, and the same are hereby, ordered to be printed in a convenient form, under the direction of the Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER moved that the Board now proceed to consider the Provisional Estimate for the year 1879.

Which was agreed to.

The COMPTROLLER moved that when the Board adjourn it do so to meet to-morrow (October 30), at 12 o'clock M.

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1878—12 o'clock M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The reading of the minutes of the meeting held October 29, 1878, was dispensed with.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communication:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, October 29, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR,—I hereby consent to the transfer to the appropriation for "Printing, Stationery and Blank Books for 1878, of the fol-

lowing unexpended balances of appropriations of this Department for the year 1877, viz. :

Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance	\$16 50
Boulevard, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance of . . .	10 29
Contingencies—Department Public Works	60 45
Flagging Sidewalks and Fencing Vacant Lots in front of City property	734 00
Free Floating Baths	77 00
Lamps and Gas	519 71
Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs	82 52
Public Drinking Hydrants	43
Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues . . .	115 51
Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, &c. . .	1,347 84
Repaving, under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875	2,890 06
Repairs and Renewal of Pavements	85 79
Roads and Avenues, and Sprinkling	2 38
Salaries—Department of Public Works	49 88
Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning	1,764 31
Street Improvements—For Street Signs, &c . . .	376 80
Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices	147 14
Wells and Pumps—Repairing and Cleaning	582 41
Total	<hr/> \$8,863 02

—the said sums being in excess of the requirements of the respective appropriations.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of eight thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven dollars and one cent be, and the same is hereby,

transferred from the following appropriations of the Department of Public Works for the year 1877, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

" Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance".....	\$16 50
" Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance of" ..	10 29
" Contingencies—Department of Public Works"...	60 45
" Flagging Sidewalks and Fencing Vacant Lots in front of City Property".....	734 00
" Free Floating Baths".....	77 00
" Lamps and Gas".....	519 71
" Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs"....	82 52
" Public Drinking Hydrants".....	43
" Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues".	115 51
" Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, &c."	1,347 84
" Repaving, under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875"....	2,890 06
" Repairs and Renewal of Pavements".....	85 79
" Roads and Avenues and Sprinkling".....	2 38
" Salaries—Department of Public Works".....	49 88
" Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning".....	1,764 31
" Street Improvements—For Street Signs, &c."....	376 80
" Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices"....	141 13
" Wells and Pumps—Repairing and Cleaning"....	582 41
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Total....	\$8,857 01

—to the appropriation for the year 1878, entitled " Printing, Stationery and Blank Books," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet to-morrow (the
31st inst.), at 11 o'clock A. M.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1878—2:30 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York ;*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York ;*

WM. R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen ;*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meetings held October 29 and 30, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to call of meetings was suspended, in order to act on the issue of "Assessment Bonds."

Whereupon the Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds" for the sum of seventeen thousand dollars, in pur-

suance of Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The Chairman put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-three hundred and five dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made for the year 1878, entitled "Examining Old Claims and Accounts, etc.," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for the same year to the Law Department, entitled "Contingencies—Law Department," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
October 31, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

I have the honor to present the Provisional Estimate, as agreed upon, for the year 1879. The total amount of appropriations made for the next fiscal year shows a reduction, as compared with those of the Final Estimate for the present year, of \$819,606.55.

The amount appropriated for expenses of the city government is reduced, and also the amount of interest on the city debt, on account of a reduction in the amount of the city debt, and of the rate of interest to five per cent. on a portion of the debt recently funded under the provisions of an Act passed June 3, 1878, commonly known as the "Bonded Indebtedness Act." On State Taxes there is a decrease of \$160,264.47.

City Bonds and Stocks, issued by authority of laws making them payable from taxation, fall due in the year 1879 to the amount of \$4,447,155.85. The amount to be raised by tax for the payment of these bonds and stocks has been fixed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under the provisions of the act referred to, at \$1,000,000. The remainder will be provided for under the same act. The whole amount would otherwise have to be added to the tax levy for 1879. The taxpayers are thus relieved of the burden of paying the entire amount next year.

The following table exhibits comparatively the appropriations made for all purposes in the Final Estimate for 1878, the amounts asked for by the Departmental Estimates for 1879, and the amounts allowed the Provisional Estimate for 1879.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.	AMOUNTS ALLOWED IN FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1878.	AMOUNTS ASKED FOR IN DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES FOR 1879.	AMOUNT ALLOWED IN PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1879.
The Common Council.....	\$107,500 00	\$114,500 00	\$107,250 00
The Mayoralty.....	46,000 00	42,000 00	42,000 00
The Department of Finance....	225,000 00	242,500 00	225,000 00
State Taxes.....	3,911,326 66	3,751,062 19	3,751,062 19
Interest on the City Debt.....	9,164,383 65	8,790,153 84	8,790,153 84
Redemption of the the City Debt.....	1,155,297 66	1,165,599 54	1,165,599 54
Armories and Drill-rooms—			
Rents.....	69,037 50	62,250 00	62,250 00
Judgments.....	300,000 00	400,000 00	350,000 00
Rents—(Leases in Force).....	70,175 00	61,200 00	61,200 00
The Law Department.....	148,000 00	143,000 00	143,000 00
The Department of Public Works.....	1,611,100 00	1,796,500 00	1,500,100 00
The Department of Public Parks.....	341,000 00	667,920 00	356,000 00
The Department of Buildings..	70,000 00	75,000 00	70,000 00
The Department of Public Char- ities and Correction.....	1,160,000 00	1,355,541 00	1,090,000 00
The Health Department	190,000 00	218,416 00	175,000 00
The Police Department.....	3,999,895 00	4,106,611 00	3,966,500 00
The Fire Department.....	1,220,870 00	1,291,842 50	1,214,970 00
The Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	108,900 00	106,800 00	106,800 00
The Board of Education.....	3,400,000 00	3,584,000 00	3,400,000 00
The College of the City of New York.....	135,000 00	140,000 00	135,000 00
Advertising, Printing, Station- ery, and Blank Books.....	133,000 00	164,200 00	133,200 00
Salaries—City Courts.....	329,800 00	336,400 00	329,800 00
Salaries—Judiciary.....	853,225 00	864,025 00	850,225 00
Coroners' Fees.....	70,000 00	80,000 00	70,000 00
Sheriff's Fees.....	30,000 00	40,000 00	30,000 00
Election Expenses.....	135,000 00	143,500 00	135,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	170,726 15	92,870 00	92,120 00
Asylums, Reformatories and Charitable Institutions.....	948,840 50	1,120,181 50	942,240 00
Total Appropriations.	\$30,104,077 12	\$30,956,072 82	\$29,284,470 57

Reduction on amounts allowed for 1878. \$819,606 55

Reduction on amounts asked for 1879..... 1,671,602 25

And offered for adoption the following resolution and Provisional Estimate for the year 1879 :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as provided by Section 112, of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, and the amendments thereto, do, by the affirmative vote of all the members, hereby make the following Provisional Estimate of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York, in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the next ensuing financial year, to wit, for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine (1879), in which estimate is included such sum as is necessary for the payment of the interest on the bonds of the City and County, which becomes due and payable within said year, and also such sum as is necessary to pay the principal of any bonds and stocks which become due and payable from taxes during the said year, and also so much as may be necessary to pay the proportion of the State tax required to be paid by the City and County in said year, to wit :

PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1879.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

CITY CONTINGENCIES.....	\$1,000 00	
CONTINGENCIES—CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.....	250 00	
SALARIES—COMMON COUNCIL:		
President of the Board of Aldermen.....	\$5,000 00	
Twenty-one Aldermen, at \$4,000 each	84,000 00	
Clerks and officers, Board of Aldermen.....	17,000 00	
	<hr/>	106,000 00
		<hr/> \$107,250 00

THE MAYORALTY.

CONTINGENCIES—MAYOR'S OFFICE.....		\$4,000 00
SALARIES—MAYOR'S OFFICE:		
Salary of the Mayor.....	\$12,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks and subor-		
dinates.....	16,000 00	
		28,000 00
Salaries of Bureau of Permits.....	10,000 00	
		<u>\$42,000 00</u>

THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

EXPENSES OF CONDUCTING THE DEPARTMENT:		
Cleaning markets.....	\$20,000 00	
Contingencies—Comptroller's office	3,000 00	
SALARIES—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:		
Salary of the Comptroller.	\$10,000 00	
Salaries of the Attaches of the		
Department.....	162,000 00	
		172,000 00
Salaries—Chamberlain's office.....	30,000 00	
		<u>225,000 00</u>

EXPENSES OF CONDUCTING THE CITY GOVERNMENT:

FOR THE STATE.

STATE TAXES:

For General Purposes, $1\frac{523}{1000}$	
mills, as per Chapter 289,	
Laws of 1878	\$1,979,495 52
For Canals, $\frac{3}{10}$ mill, as per Chap-	
ter 140, Laws of 1878.....	387,882 86
For salary of Shore Inspector,	
as per Chapter 604, Laws of	
1875.....	1,527 90
	<u>\$2,368,906 28</u>

Common Schools for the State:

For Common Schools, $1\frac{880}{1000}$ mills, as per	
Chapter 289, Laws of 1878.....	1,382,155 91
	<u>3,751,062 19</u>

INTEREST ON THE DEBT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Interest on the City Debt..... \$8,790,153 84

REDEMPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE CITY DEBT.

Redemption of the City Debt:

For amount to be raised by tax and applied to
the redemption of the City Debt due in 1879,
pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 383, Laws
of 1878, and resolution of the Commission-
ers of the Sinking Fund, adopted October
22, 1878..... \$1,000,000 00

Redemption of the Debt of the annexed Territory
of Westchester County:

Town of Morrisania..... \$27,000 00

Town of West Farms..... 16,000 00

County of Westchester, for pro-
portion of Bounty Loan and
Central Park Avenue Bonds,
incurred on account of an-
nexed towns..... 25,110 38

68,110 38

For redemption of Consolidated Stock of the City
of New York, due November 1, 1879, issued
and to be issued pursuant to Chapter 411,
Laws of 1878..... 50,000 00

For redemption of Revenue Bonds of the City of
New York, payable November 1, 1879, issued
pursuant to Chapter 213, Laws of 1871..... 4,000 00

For redemption of Revenue Bonds of the City of
New York, payable November 1, 1879, issued
pursuant to Chapter 418, Laws of 1877..... 775 50

For amount to be raised by tax annually, sufficient,
with the accumulations of interest thereon, to
pay the bonds and stocks, payable from tax-
ation, issued after June 3, 1878, pursuant to
Section 8, Chapter 383, Laws of 1878..... 42,713 66

1,165,599 54

MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

Armories and Drill-rooms

For wages of Armorer's, in pursuance of Section 39, Chapter 223, Laws of 1875...\$17,530 00

Armories and Drill-rooms—Rent of :

For rent of the following premises for Armories and Drill-rooms, under leases made in conformity with Section 120, Chapter 223, Laws of 1875, viz. :

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessee.	For what purposes	Location of Premises.	Term of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided for in 1879.
1876.						
May 16,	W. D. F. & E. A. Manice...	71st Regt.	Second story of building, Broadway, Sixth avenue, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets.....	Three years from May 1, 1876, if renewed	\$12,000 estim't'd	\$6,000 00 6,000 00
May 10,	Valentine G. Hall, sole surviving executor.	22d Regt.	Fourteenth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues....	Five years from May 1, 1876...	15,000	15,000 00
May 18,	Cassius H. Head....	5th Regt.	Halls and premises, second story of buildings Nos. 139, 141 and 143 West Twenty-third st., etc.	Five years from May 1, 1876...	7,500	7,500 00
1877.						
Jan'y 6,	Chas. W. Dickel..	First Troop Caval'y	Nos. 7, 9 and 11 W. 13th street.....	Five years from Jan. 1st, 1877.	\$5,500	5,500 00
Jan'y 8,	Mary Combes and Lewis H. Combes, her husband...	Companies A, K & G, 27th Reg't..	2d floor of Morrisania Hall, Railroad Avenue, bet'n 166th and 167th sts...	Two years from Jan. 1st, 1877, if renewed.	750 00 estim't'd	750 00
Dec. 29,	R. T. Ford..	Washi'n Gray Troop.	2d story of building, south side of 4th street, near Broadway.....	Three years and four months from Jan. 1, 1878...	2,000	2,000 00
Dec. 29,	R. T. Ford..	12th Regt.	2d story of building, east side of Broadway, bet. 44th & 45th streets.	Three years and four months from Jan. 1st, 1878.	\$7,000	7,000 00

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessor.	For what purposes.	Location of Premises.	Term of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided in 1879.
1878. Jan 4.	Marietta R. Stevens, ex'x, & John L. Melcher & Chas. G. Stevens, ex'is of the estate of Parau Stevens.	9th Regt.	26th street, between 6th and 7th Aves.	Three years and four months from Jan. 1st, 1878.	\$8,000	\$8,000 00
April 9.	C. H. Reed.	Battery K.	First floor, &c. of building Nos. 139, 141 & 143 W. 23d st.	Three years, from May 1, 1878, for 6 mos.	3,000 in 1878..	3,000 00 1,500 00
						\$62,250 00

Rents :

For payment of rent of property leased to the Corporation for public offices and other public purposes, except armories and drill-rooms, as follows :

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessors.	For what purpose.	Location of Premises.	Expiration of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided in 1879.
1870. May 2.	Morgan Jones	First District Police Court	Nos. 106, 108, and 110 Centre street...	May 1, 1880	\$7,500 00	\$7,500 00
1874. June 19.	John Schapert.....	Fourth District Civil Court	Northeast corner of 2d ave. and 1st street.	May 1, 1879 If renewed.	2,500 00 estimated	1,250 00 1,250 00
1874. Feb. 19	Wm. T. and Daniel C. Blodgett....	Ninth District Civil and Fifth District Police Courts.	125th and 126th streets, 4th and Lexington aves.	Dec. 31, 1878 If renewed.	8,000 00 estimated	..... 8,000 00
1875. May 8.	John B. Haskin.,	Sixth District Police and Tenth District Civil Courts.....	Northeast cor. of Kingsbridge road and College avenue, 24th Ward.....	May 1, 1880	1,500 00	1,500 00

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessors.	For what purpose.	Location of Premises.	Expiration of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided in 1879.
1876. Nov. 26.	Charles Johnson.....	Eighth District Civil Court	South west corner 7th ave and 22d street.....	Jan. 1, 1882	\$3,000 00	\$3,000 00
1878. May 1	Catherine Bradley....	Sixth District Civil Court.	South west corner 4th avenue and 18th street..	May 1, 1883	1,200 00	1,200 00
1876. April 25	New York Dispensary....	Reception Hospital	North west corner Centre and White sts...	May 1, 1880	9,500 00	9,500 00
1876. July 19.	Dennis Kennedy or James M. Cudlipp present owner	Reception Hospital....	90th street, between 9th and 10th avenues....	May 1, 1880	1,500 00	1,500 00
1875. Feb. 8.	Reuben Smith	Department of Buildings..	No. 2 Fourth avenue, 2d, 3d, and 4th floors.....	May 1, 1879 It renewed.	3,500 00 estimated	1,750 00 1,750 00
1876. April 10	Jane de Zee ..	Excise Office..	No. 40 East Houston st.	May 1, 1881	3,000 00	3,000 00
1876. April 24	Mary A. Schanck, executrix	Marine Court.	No. 27 Chat ham street, 2d, 3d and 5th floor....	May 1, 1880	12,000 00	12,000 00
1876. April 29	Oswald Ottendorfer.....	Counsel to the Corporation	Staats Zeitung Building, 3d floor.	May 1, 1881	7,500 00	7,500 00
1871. Feb. 10.	Benjn. Moore.	Form'rly used as stables by Police Department...	South side of West 24th st., between 10th and 11th aves...	Mar. 1, 1892	500 00	500 00
						\$61,200 00

Coroners' Post-mortem Examinations:

As authorized by chapter 620, Laws of 1875..... 1,0 0 00

Judgments:

For Judgments recovered against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, not otherwise provided for..... 350,000 00
 Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Expenses of..... \$2,000 00

THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

CONTINGENCIES—LAW DEPARTMENT.....	\$35,000 00	
CONTINGENCIES—CORPORATION ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.....	500 00	
CONTINGENCIES—PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.....	1,000 00	
SALARIES—LAW DEPARTMENT:		
(Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.)		
Salary of the Counsel to the Corporation.....	\$15,000 00	
Salaries of Assistants, Clerks and Messengers	65,000 00	
	<hr/>	80,000 00
(Bureau of Corporation Attorney.)		
Salary of Corporation Attorney..	\$6,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks, Assistants and Janitor	6,000 00	
	<hr/>	12,000 00
(Bureau of Public Administrator.)		
Salary of Public Administrator....	\$5,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks and Assistants....	3,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,000 00
Salaries—Bureau of the Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes.		
Salary of the Attorney.....	\$5,000 00	
Salary of the Clerk.....	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	6,500 00
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		\$106,500 00
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		\$143,000 00

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

AQUEDUCT—REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.....	\$100,000 00
BOULEVARDS, ROADS AND AVENUES, MAINTENANCE OF	30,000 00
CONTINGENCIES—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS...	2,000 00
FLAGGING SIDEWALKS AND FENCING VACANT LOTS IN FRONT OF CITY PROPERTY	1,000 00
FREE FLOATING BATHS.....	12,000 00
LAMPS AND GAS.....	530,000 00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS—CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS INCLUDING REPAIRS TO ARMORIES.....	35,000 00

PUBLIC DRINKING-HYDRANTS.....	\$3,000 00
REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN STREETS AND AVENUES.....	3,000 00
REPAIRING AND RENEWALS OF PIPES, STOP-COCKS, &c.....	75,000 00
REPAVING STREETS AND AVENUES UNDER CHAPTER 476, LAWS OF 1875.....	300,000 00
REPAIRS AND RENEWAL OF PAVEMENTS.....	150,000 00
ROADS AND AVENUES AND SPRINKLING.....	15,000 00
SALARIES—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.....	90,000 00
SEWERS—REPAIRING AND CLEANING.....	50,000 00
SUPPLYING WATER TO SHIPPING, AND FOR BUILD- ING PURPOSES.....	8,000 00
STREET IMPROVEMENTS—FOR STREET SIGNS, &c....	1,000 00
SUPPLIES FOR AND CLEANING PUBLIC OFFICES, IN- CLUDING THE PURCHASE OF LAW BOOKS.....	75,600 00
WELLS AND PUMPS—REPAIRING AND CLEANING ..	2,000 00
BRIDGE ACROSS FOURTH AVENUE, AT ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH STREET, UNDER CHAPTER 393, LAWS OF 1878.....	17,500 00
	<hr/> \$1,500,100 00

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MAINTENANCE AND GOVERNMENT OF PARKS AND PLACES:

FOR SALARIES—To pay entirely the salaries of the president, clerks, engineers, architects and all other employees of the department, ex- cepting mechanics, gardeners, and laborers and their foremen employed on the work of maintaining the Parks and Places, excepting also the Topographical Engineer and his as- sistants in charge of surveying, monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer-in-Charge of public places, roads, avenues and bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	\$35,000 00
POLICE—Salaries of Captain, Lieutenant, Ser- geants, Patrolmen, Post and Gate-Keepers, and Night Watchmen.....	75,000 00

For all supplies and for wages of Foremen, Gardeners, Mechanics and Laborers employed on works of maintenance, and including the maintenance of the Meteorological Observa- tory.....	\$140,000 00	
For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	30,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$280,000 00
HARLEM RIVER BRIDGES—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	7,000 00	
MUSIC—Central Park.....	4,000 00	
For the equipment and furnishing of the build- ing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and for other purposes, in pursuance of Chapter 385, Laws of 1878.....	30,000 00	
SURVEYING, LAYING OUT AND MONUMENTING Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in- cluding north end of this island.....	10,000 00	
MAINTENANCE AND GOVERNMENT OF PUBLIC PLACES, Roads, Avenues and Bridges, including Bridges over the Bronx River, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	25,000 00	
	<hr/>	356,000 00

THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

CONTINGENCIES—Department of Buildings.....	\$2,000 00	
SALARIES—Department of Buildings.....	68,000 00	
	<hr/>	70,000 00

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION:

FOR SALARIES.—To pay the salaries of the officers and employees of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, including the ser- vices of the Emigrant Examining Clerk, and also the employment of additional nurses and keepers.....	\$295,000 00
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FOR SUPPLIES. —For all supplies for the Department of Public Charities and Correction, including \$40,000 for support of Out-door Poor, and for Maintenance of Children transferred from Randall's Island Nursery to various institutions.....			750,000 00	
For Repairs and Alterations to Buildings and Apparatus.....			25,000 00	
For Poor Adult Blind.....			20,000 00	
			<hr/>	1,090,000 00

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH FUND:

For salaries.....	\$100,000 00	
“ law expenses, including Marshals' Fees....	1,500 00	
“ Disinfection.....	7,500 00	
“ Contingent expenses.....	2,000 00	
“ Removal of Night Soil, Offal and Dead Animals.....	40,000 00	
	<hr/>	151,000 00

FUND FOR SMALL POX HOSPITAL AND CARE OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES:

For Salaries....	\$8,000 00	
“ Supplies....	16,000 00	
	<hr/>	24,000 00
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		175,000 00

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE FUND:

For salaries of Commissioners of Police.....	\$26,000 00	
For salary of Superintendent of Police.....	6,000 00	
For salaries of 4 Inspectors of Police.....	14,000 00	
For salaries of 19 Surgeons.....	42,750 00	
For salaries of 36 Captains, at \$2,000 each.....	72,000 00	
For salaries of 144 Sergeants, at \$1,600 each.....	230,400 00	
For salaries of 2,261 Patrolmen, at \$1,200 each.....	2,713,200 00	
For salaries of 78 Doormen, at \$900 each.....	70,200 00	
For salaries of Clerks, Deputies, Stenographers, Superintendent of Telegraph, Telegraph Operators, Messengers, Cleaners, Steamboat and all other employees.....	40,000 00	
	<hr/>	3,142,550 00

STATION-HOUSES—RENTS :

Name of Lessors.	For what Purpose.	Location of Premises.	Expiration of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be Provided in 1878.
4 Peter Goelet and others..	29th Precinct Police.....	No. 34 East 29th street..	1885. May 1	\$1,500 00	{ Croton water taxes and assessments. \$1,500 00
1 Joseph H. Godwin.....	35th Precinct Police.....	Twenty-fourth Ward.....	1885. Aug. 1	1,700 00	{ All taxes, Croton repairs, &c., 1,700 00
10 John Theiss..	30th Precinct Police.....	Lawrence st. bet. Broadway and 10th ave.. Manhattanville..	1880. May 1	1,450 00	{ Croton water, 1,450 00
8 Peter and Robert Goelet..	1st Precinct Police.....	Nos. 52 and 54 New street..	1880. May 1	4,500 00	{ Croton and all taxes and repairs, 4,500 00
17 Charles E. Quackenbush..	Inspector's Office, 3d District.....	Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, Third avenue and 86th st., Paraps Hall...	1879. May 1	480 00	480 00
8 Herman T. Livingston..	Inspector's Office, 4th District.....	Eighth ave. near south-east corner of 130th st..	1879. May 1	420 00	Repairs..... 420 00
10 Helen R. Perkins and others.....	Inspector's Office, 2d District.....	First story of No. 112 West 14th street..	1879. May 1	900 00	900 00
Add for Repairs, Croton Water Rents, etc.....					\$10,950 00 1 000 00
					\$11,950 00

POLICE STATION-HOUSES:

Alterations, fitting up, additions to, and repairs of station-houses, steamboat <i>Seneca</i> , and Central Department.....	\$20,000 00
Supplies for Police.....	60,000 00

CLEANING STREETS UNDER POLICE DEPARTMENT:

For salaries of clerks, inspectors, foremen, steamboat superintendents, and employees, wages of sweepers, laborers, watchmen, trimmers, cart-drivers and hostlers; expenses for hired carts, supplies, new scows, harness, horses, and carts, rent of stables, and all expenses for this purpose; including \$7,500 for scows to receive the ashes, garbage or rubbish from the steamers plying in the Harbor of New York, as provided by chapter 148, Laws of 1875; and including a sum not exceeding \$40,000 for removing snow and ice.....	650,000 00
	<hr/> \$3,956,500 00

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND;****For salaries, viz.:**

Headquarters pay-roll.....	\$42,400 00
Telegraph force pay-roll.....	27,720 00
Repair shop pay-roll.....	40,000 00
Bureau of combustibles pay-roll...	12,200 00
Bureau of fire marshal pay-roll..	7,200 00
Bureau of chief of department pay-roll.....	32,700 00
Superintendent of horses pay-roll	7,000 00
Pay of foremen, assistant foremen, engineers, firemen, ladder men and hosemen, of engine and hook and ladder companies and of the fire steamboat	875,750 00
	<hr/> \$1,044,970 00

For apparatus, supplies, &c.:

For new apparatus, horses, rents, and all supplies and expenses of the Department not otherwise provided for, including maintenance of fire steamboat, and for buildings, repairs, and alterations.....	170,000 00
	<hr/> 1,214,970 00

THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

CONTINGENCIES—DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND AS-		
SESSMENTS	\$1,000 00	
SALARIES—DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS:		
Salaries of Commissioners.	\$16,500 00	
Salaries of Deputies, Clerks,		
and employees.....	72,200 00	
	<hr/>	88,700 00
SALARIES—Board of Assessors:		
Salaries of the Assessors		
and their Clerks,	17,100 00	
	<hr/>	\$106,800 00

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:

For salaries of Teachers, Janitors, Superintendents, Clerks and employees; for supplies, rents, incidental expenses, and current repairs to buildings, furniture, and heating apparatus, including the expense of compulsory education, as provided by Chap. 421, Laws of 1874; and for the support of the Nautical School established by Chapter 288, Laws of 1873; and all expenses of the Board of Education not included under any other head of account; for purchasing, leasing and procuring sites, and erecting buildings; furnishing, fitting up, altering, enlarging, and repairing buildings and premises under the charge of the Board of Education, and for repairing the furniture and heating apparatus; for the support of schools which shall have been organized since the last annual apportionment of school moneys; and such further sum or sums as may be necessary for any of the purposes authorized by law; and for school moneys apportioned to the corporate schools.....

3,400,000 00

THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:

For Salaries of Professors and Officers, scientific		
Apparatus, Books and Supplies, support and		
maintenance, and all other expenses.....	\$130,000 00	
For repairs to buildings.....	5,000 00	
	<hr/>	135,000 00

ADVERTISING, PRINTING, STATIONERY, AND BLANK BOOKS.

PUBLICATION OF THE "CITY RECORD".....	\$22,500 00	
"CITY RECORD,"—SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES....	7,200 00	
ADVERTISING	3,500 00	
PRINTING, STATIONERY AND BLANK BOOKS:		
For all printing, stationery and Blank Books required by the Common Council, the Depart- ments and Offices of the City Government, except printing the "City Record," includ- ing the publishing of Calendars of Courts, un- der Chapter 656, Laws of 1874.....		
	100,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$133,200 00

MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

CORONER'S FEES:

Salaries of four Physicians, at \$3,000 each, un- der Chapter 256, Laws of 1878.....	\$12,000 00	
For fees of coroners, as authorized by Chap- ter 565, Laws of 1868; and for salary of clerk to the Board of Coroners, as provided by Chapter 462, Laws of 1871 .. .	58,000 00	
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CONTINGENCIES—DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.....		4,000 00
DISBURSEMENTS AND FEES OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND WITNESSES, EXCLUSIVE OF SHERIFF'S FEES.....		5,000 00
ELECTION EXPENSES.....		135,000 00
JURORS' FEES—Including expenses of jurors in criminal trials....		35,000 00
SALARIES—COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS:		
For salaries of two Commissioners of Accounts, at \$3,000 each.....	\$6,000 00	
For clerk hire.....	4,000 00	
	<hr/>	10,000 00
Support of prisoners in County Jail, in pursuance of Chapter 251, Laws of 1875.....		15,000 00
Sheriff's fees.....		30,000 00
Board of Estimate and Apportionment—Expenses of.....		2,000 00
Salary of the Physician to the Jail of the City and County of New York, as provided for in the new Code of Civil Procedure...		600 00

THE JUDICIARY.

SALARIES—CITY COURTS:

(Police Courts.)

Salaries of eleven Police Justices, at \$8,000 each per annum.....	\$88,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks, Attendants, Stenographers, interpreters, the Record Clerk, and Secretary of the Board of Police Justices...	62,600 00	\$150,600 00

(District Courts.)

Salaries of nine District Court Justices, at \$8,000 each per annum, and one at \$8,000 per annum.....	\$62,000 00	
Salaries of clerks, stenographers, interpreters, and attendants....	117,200 00	179,200 00

\$329,800 00

SALARIES—JUDICIARY:

(The Supreme Court.)

Five Justices, at \$11,500 each....	\$57,500 00	
Clerks, criers, stenographers and librarian.....	34,500 00	
Twenty-four attendants, at \$1,200 each.....	29,800 00	
Compensation of judges from other districts.....	5,000 00	\$125,800 00

(The Superior Court.)

Six Justices, at \$15,000 each....	\$90,000 00	
Clerks, assistants, and stenograph- ers.....	46,200 00	
Fourteen attendants, at \$1,200 each.....	16,800 00	153,000 00

(The Court of Common Pleas.)

Six Justices, at \$15,000 each....	\$90,000 00	
Clerks, assistants, and stenograph- ers.....	48,000 00	
Fifteen attendants, at \$1,200....	18,000 00	156,000 00

(The Marine Court.)

Six Justices, at \$10,000 each....	\$60,000 00	
Stenographers and interpreters ..	7,500 00	
Clerks, deputy clerks, and assistant clerks.....	33,500 00	
Thirteen attendants, at \$1,200 each.....	15,600 00	
	<hr/>	\$116,600 00

(The Court of General Sessions and Oyer
and Terminer.)

Clerk.....	\$7,000 00	
Deputy clerk.....	5,000 00	
Assistant clerk.....	3,000 00	
Two additional deputy clerks, one at \$2,500 and one at \$1,200. ..	3,700 00	
Stenographer.....	2,500 00	
Additional stenographer.....	2,000 00	
Interpreter.....	2,500 00	
Additional interpreter.....	1,200 00	
Thirty-six attendants, at \$1,200 each ..	43,200 00	
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(The Court of Special Sessions.)

Clerk.....	\$6,000 00	
Deputy clerk.....	5,000 00	
Stenographer.....	2,500 00	
Interpreter	2,000 00	
Three subpoena servers at \$2,000 each.....	6,000 00	
Messenger.....	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	23,000 00

(The County Clerk's Office.)

County clerk, deputies, assistants, clerks and messenger.....	40,725 00
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(The Surrogate's Office.)

The Surrogate	\$12,000 00	
Chief clerk, clerks, assistants, stenographers, attendants, and messenger.....	35,000 00	
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(The District Attorney's Office.)

The District Attorney.....	\$12,000 00	
Assistants, clerks, stenographers, and messenger.....	55,000 00	
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(The Recorder's Office.)	
The Recorder.....	\$12,000 00
(The City Judge's Office.)	
The City Judge.....	12,000 00
(Judge of the Court of General Sessions.)	
The Judge of the Court of General Sessions..	\$12,000 00
(The Commissioner of Jurors.)	
Salary of the Commissioner, in accordance with the opinion of the Corporation Counsel..	15,000 00
	<hr/> \$850,225 00

ASYLUMS, REFORMATORIES AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS:

(Chapter 739, Laws of 1867.)

For furnishing clothing for twelve inmates from New York County, at \$30 each.....	\$360 00
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AMERICAN FEMALE GUARDIAN SOCIETY AND HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS:

(Chapter 754, Laws of 1872)..... 25,000 00

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY:

(Chapter 70, Laws of 1865)..	\$10,000 00
(Chapter 163, Laws of 1867)..	30,000 00
(Chapter 180, Laws of 1871)..	30,000 00
	<hr/> 70,000 00

CHILDREN'S FOLD OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:

(Chapter 506, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 48, at \$2 each per week.....	4,992 00
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FOUNDLING ASYLUM, UNDER CHARGE OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY:

(Chapter 635, Laws of 1872.)

(Chapter 644, Laws of 1874.)

(Chapter 43, Laws of 1877.)

Estimated average number of in- mates 1,575, at 38 cents per day each.....	\$218,452 50
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Estimated number of homeless or needy mothers nursing their own infants, 75, at \$18 each per month.....	16,200 00
	<hr/> 234,652 50

HEBREW BENEVOLENT AND ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY:

(Chapter 230, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of inmates 295, at \$110 each per annum.....	\$32,450 00
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HUDSON RIVER STATE HOSPITAL:

(Chapter 446, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 3, at \$4.50 per week each and expenses.....	780 00
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INSTITUTION FOR IMPROVED INSTRUCTION OF DEAF**MUTES:**

(Chapter 725, Laws of 1867.)

(Chapter 180, Laws of 1870.)

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1875.)

For education and support of 35 county pupils, at \$300 each.....	\$10,500 00
For clothing of 15 State pupils, at \$30 each.....	450 00
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	10,950 00

INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND:

(Chapter 166, Laws of 1870.)

For clothing 125 pupils, at \$50 each.....	6,250 00
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LE COUTEULX ST. MARY'S INSTITUTION FOR THE IMPROVED INSTRUCTION OF DEAF MUTES IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO:

(Chapter 548, Laws of 1871.)

For education and support of 2 county pupils, at \$300 each.....	\$600 00
For clothing of 1 State pupil.....	30 00
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	630 00

NEW YORK CATHOLIC PROTECTOR:

(Chapter 647, Laws of 1866.)

(Chapter 428, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 2,150, at \$110 per annum each.....	236,500 00
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NEW YORK INFANT ASYLUM:

(Chapter 263, Laws of 1872.)

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1876.)

(Chapter 90, Laws of 1877.)

Estimated average number of chil- dren 175, at 38 cents per day each.....	\$24,272 50
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Estimated number of obstetrical cases in lying-in wards, 80, at \$25 each.....	\$2,000 00
Estimated number of homeless or needy mothers nursing their own infants, 40, at \$18 each per month.....	8,640 00
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	\$34,912 50

NEW YORK INFIRMARY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN:

(Chapter 101, Laws of 1877.)

Estimated number of obstetrical cases 80, at \$25 each.....	\$2,000 00
Estimated average number of homeless and needy mothers nursing their own infants, 8, at \$18 each per month.....	648 00
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	2,648 00

NEW YORK JUVENILE ASYLUM:

(Chapter 245, Laws of 1866.)

Estimated number of inmates, 750, at \$110 per annum each.....	\$82,500 00
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NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB:

(Chapter 325, Laws of 1863.)

(Chapter 386, Laws of 1864.)

(Chapter 721, Laws of 1867.)

(Chapter 253, Laws of 1874.)

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1875.)

For furnishing clothing for 100 State pupils, at \$30 each.....	\$3,000 00
For education and support of 58 county pupils, at \$300 each.....	17,400 00
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	20,400 00

NEW YORK MAGDALEN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY:

(Chapter 409, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 36, at \$110 per year each	3,960 00
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NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE RUPTURED AND CRIPPLED:

(Chapter 635, Laws of 1872.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 175, at
\$150 each per annum..... \$26,250 00

NEW YORK STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM:

(Chapter 135, Laws of 1842.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 2, at
\$250 per annum each..... 500 00

NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL:

(Chapter 650, Laws of 1866.)

(Chapter 366, Laws of 1869.)

(Chapter 643, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of chil-
dren, 465, at \$120 each per
annum..... \$55,800 00

Estimated average number of lying-
in women, 170, at \$260 each
per annum..... 44,200 00

100,000 00

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL HOUSE OF MERCY:

(Chapter 403, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 28, at
\$110 each per annum..... 3,080 00

ROMAN CATHOLIC HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

(Chapter 409, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 116, at
\$110 each per annum..... 12,760 00

ST. JOSEPH'S IMPROVED INSTITUTE FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF DEAF MUTES:

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1875.)

(Chapter 378, Laws of 1877.)

For education and support of 40
county pupils, at \$300 per annum
each..... \$12,000 00

For clothing of 24 State pupils at
\$30 each..... 720 00

12,720 00

STATE ASYLUM FOR INSANE CRIMINALS AT AUBURN:

(Chapter 895, Laws of 1869.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 5, at \$4
each per week and clothing..... \$1,165 00

STATE HOMOEOPATHIC ASYLUM FOR THE

INSANE:

(Chapter 446, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated number of inmates, 3, at \$4.50 per
week each, and expenses for clothing, etc.. 780 00

UNION HOME AND SCHOOL FOR EDUCATION OF CHILDREN
OF VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS:

(Chapter 309, Laws of 1870.)

(Chapter 583, Laws of 1871.)

(Chapter 143, Laws of 1873.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 120, at
\$150 each per annum..... 18,000 00
\$942,240 00

Total amount of appropriation \$29,284,470 57

Deduct amount of estimated revenues of the General Fund not
otherwise specifically appropriated by law..... 2,000,000 00

Total amount of Provisional Estimate..... \$27,284,470 57

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution and adopt the said Provisional Estimate.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

WEDNESDAY, November 6, 1878—1 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, November 6, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th Section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for County purposes," passed June 14, 1873; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874; and Chapter 302, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the govern-

ment of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Wednesday, November 6, 1878, at 1 o'clock, p. m., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated November 6, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
November 6, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr.,
Mayor :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at 1 o'clock, p. m., for the transaction of such business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 6th day of November, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—The following members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held October 31, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made for "Judgments," 1873, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation for "Judgments recovered, or settlement of claims by Law Department," for which the same is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for the year 1877, entitled, "Interest on the City Debt," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for the Department of Public Parks for the year 1878, entitled, "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—for all supplies, and for wages, etc.," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1878.—1 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.—CITY HALL. }

NEW YORK, November 8, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th Section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1, of Chapter 779, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation, in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President

of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Saturday, November 9, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated November 8, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }

November 8, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on Saturday, November 9, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of taking action on any business that may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 8th day of November, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

W. R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessment.*

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held November 6, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the provisional Estimate for 1879, adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 31, 1878, be transmitted by the Comptroller to the Board of Aldermen, accompanied by the following reasons for its adoption, as required by Section 112, of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

REASONS FOR THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1879.

First.—The appropriations for the expense of conducting the business of the City Government has received the most careful consideration in making the Provisional Estimate for the year 1879. Wherever it has been deemed practicable, consistently with the public interests, to reduce the appropriations over which the law has conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment any discretionary power, it has been done.

The aggregate of the Provisional Estimate is \$1,671,602.25 less than the amount of the Departmental Estimates for the

year 1879, and \$819,606.55 less than the amount of the appropriations in the Final Estimate for the year 1878, as shown by the following comparative table :

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.	AMOUNTS ALLOWED IN FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1878.	AMOUNTS ASKED FOR IN DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES FOR 1879.	AMOUNT ALLOWED IN PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1879.
The Common Council	\$107,500 00	\$114,500 00	\$107,250 00
The Mayoralty	46,000 00	42,000 00	42,000 00
The Department of Finance	225,000 00	242,500 00	225,000 00
State Taxes	3,911,326 66	3,751,062 19	3,751,062 19
Interest on the City Debt	9,164,383 65	8,790,153 84	8,790,153 84
Redemption of the City Debt	1,555,297 60	1,162,599 54	1,165,599 54
Armories and Drill-rooms—			
Rents	69,037 50	62,250 00	62,250 00
Judgments	300,000 00	400,000 00	350,000 00
Rents (Leases in Force)	70,175 00	61,200 00	61,200 00
The Law Department	148,000 00	143,000 00	143,000 00
The Department of Public			
Works	1,611,100 00	1,796,500 00	1,500,100 00
The Department of Public			
Parks	341,000 00	667,920 00	356,000 00
The Department of Buildings	70,000 00	75,000 00	70,000 00
The Department of Public			
Charities and Correction	1,160,000 00	1,355,541 00	1,090,000 00
The Health Department	190,000 00	218,416 00	175,000 00
The Police Department	3,999,895 00	4,106,611 25	3,956,500 00
The Fire Department	1,220,870 00	1,291,842 50	1,214,970 00
The Department of Taxes and			
Assessments	108,900 00	106,800 00	106,800 00
The Board of Education	3,400,000 00	3,584,000 00	3,400,000 00
The College of the City of New			
York	135,000 00	140,000 00	135,000 00
Advertising, Printing, Station-			
ery, and Blank Books	133,000 00	164,200 00	133,200 00
Salaries—City Courts	329,800 00	336,400 00	329,800 00
Salaries—Judiciary	853,225 00	864,025 00	850,225 00
Coroners' Fees	70,000 00	80,000 00	70,000 00
Sheriff's Fees	30,000 00	40,000 00	30,000 00
Election Expenses	135,000 00	143,500 00	135,000 00
Miscellaneous	170,726 15	92,870 00	92,120 00
Asylums, Reformatories, and			
Charitable Institutions	948,810 50	1,120,181 50	942,240 00
Total	\$30,104,077 12	\$30,956,072 82	\$29,284,470 57

Second.—The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has no control whatever over the appropriations required for the

State Taxes, the Interest on the City Debt, the Redemption of the City Debt, the salaries of the Judges, clerks, stenographers and attendants of the Courts, Commissioners of the Departments, and the pay of the uniformed force of the Police and Fire Departments, which are fixed by law.

The appropriations over which the Board of Estimate and Apportionment can exercise any power to regulate and fix the amounts for less than the Departmental Estimates, in which reductions have been made, are as follows :

The Common Council.....	\$7,250 00
The Department of Finance.....	17,500 00
For Judgments.....	50,000 00
The Department of Public Works.....	296,400 00
The Department of Public Parks.	311,920 00
The Department of Buildings.....	5,000 00
The Department of Public Charities and Cor- rection.....	265,541 00
The Health Department	43,416 00
The Police Department....	150,111 25
The Fire Department.....	76,872 50
The Board of Education.....	184,000 00
The College of the City of New York.....	5,000 00
Advertising, Printing, Stationary and blank books.....	31,000 00
The Judiciary.....	20,400 00
Sheriff's fees.....	10,000 00
Coroners' Fees.....	10,000 00
Election Expenses.....	8,500 00
Miscellaneous.....	750 00
Asylums, Reformatories and Charitable Insti- tutions.....	177,941 50
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Total amount of reductions on Departmental Estimates.....	\$1,671,602 25

Third.—The Departmental Estimates have been reduced as above stated, because the amount appropriated for the purposes and objects of each Department is believed to be sufficient, under a prudent and economical management of its affairs, to provide for all proper expenditures and secure the public interests.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative.—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
 NEW YORK, November 7, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR..

Mayor and Chairman of Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Sir,—To enable this Department to meet necessary expenditures for the protection of the public baths and for flagging sidewalks in front of city property, I would request that the following sums be transferred from the appropriation for "Street Improvements—For Street Signs, etc.," for 1878, for the purposes of which they are not required, viz. :

To the appropriation for "Flagging Sidewalks and Fencing Vacant Lots in Front of City Property," for 1878, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100).

To the appropriation for "Free Floating Baths," for 1878, the sum of two hundred and eighty dollars (\$280).

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

—and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and eighty dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Works for the year 1878, entitled "Street Improvements—For Street Signs, etc.," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations made to said Department for 1878, which are insufficient, viz.:

"Flagging Sidewalks and Fencing Vacant Lots in	
Front of City Property ".....	\$100 00
"Free Floating Baths ".....	280 00
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Total.....	\$380 00
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution,

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote.:

Affirmative.—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessment—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-nine hundred and ninety dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made for the year 1877, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

" City Contingencies "	\$2,735 94
" Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council "	254 06
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Total.....	\$2,990 00
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—to the appropriation made for the year 1878, for " Salaries—Common Council," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative.—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1878—12 o'clock M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, November 11, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th Section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor,

Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, November 12, 1878, at 12 o'clock, M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated November 11, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
Acting Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }

November 11, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor,

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, November 12, 1878, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of taking action on any business that may be brought before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 11th day of November, 1878.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WM. R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—All the members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held November 9, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

LAW DEPARTMENT, }
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, November 4, 1878.

HON. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

SIR,—I am happy to announce that I have finally arrived at a settlement of the suits of Jones & Rogers against the City, the most troublesome, with perhaps one exception, of all the suits now pending against the City, and involving the largest amounts, without exception, of any of the outstanding claims.

The suits have been pending for about six years, and involve a principal claim of one million two hundred and twenty thousand (\$1,220,000) odd dollars, and an interest account, raising the total claims to about two millions. A schedule of the amounts claimed is attached hereto. The suits are upon bills for printing and stationery furnished to the City and County prior to the breaking up of the Ring, and for the entire amount of the claim the plaintiffs have vouchers in the shape of bills certified by the proper executive officer in each case, and in the case of a claim amounting to about two hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$268,490.03) and interest for some ten years, they have, in addition to the certified bills, the audit of the Finance Department. These facts they have recently sworn to in affidavits, and so far as I am able to ascertain, it is true. The \$268,000 claim has been actively litigated for the last four or five years, the case having been conducted for a long time

before Alexander W. Harvey as Referee, and upon his death transferred to Hon. Henry E. Davies, and has been going on ever since before him.

As you are aware, special counsel have been retained in these cases. Soon after my accession to the office, I realized the necessity for special attention to these cases, and for the last two years, in addition to the special counsel retained, I have had two men in this office almost exclusively engaged, under my direction, in the investigation of the facts, and in the preparation of the City's defense against the claims. It is an extremely difficult case, where a claimant has bills duly certified, so as to make a *prima facie* case for recovery without himself producing any other evidence but the bills, to make out such a case of fraud as to be able to set aside and destroy the plaintiff's case. I cannot say, with reference to most of the claims, that I have any evidence upon which I could predicate with certainty what the action of the courts and jury would be. With reference to the claim of \$263,000, which has been in active litigation before Hon. Henry E. Davies as Referee, I think the city has made a case sufficient to defeat all but about fifty thousand dollars of the claim, and I have expectations of being able to defeat a considerable portion of the remainder.

Not long since as you are aware, I obtained the necessary authority from the Attorney-General of the State, and brought an action in behalf of the State against these same parties, to recover back amounts paid them upon fraudulent bills in 1868, 1869, and 1870. A considerable portion of the amount sued for would, I think, be recovered in that action, although the counsel for the defendants express themselves as very confident of defeating the claims, and have urged the trial of the cases; and of course the result of any litigation is not without doubt.

I have from time to time made efforts at a compromise of all the suits, but have heretofore been unsuccessful in that respect. The plaintiffs in these suits have, as you are aware, been in custody now for about two months, under the order of

arrest issued in the suit brought by us in behalf of the State. I have recently been approached by counsel representing them, and after considerable consultation, they have concluded to accept the proposition made by me some time since, to pay fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), in settlement of the claim against the City and County—we, on our part, to discontinue the suit brought in behalf of the State.

It is unnecessary for me to say that I consider the settlement extremely desirable to be made. The claims are undoubtedly largely fraudulent, but they have an immense advantage over us in the papers which they hold, throwing all the burden of proof upon us in the cases, and requiring a degree of proof which, with reference to transactions ten years past, it is extremely difficult and next to impossible to obtain; and if the city should, at the end of many years of litigation, succeed in defeating the claims, the expenditure which would have been involved in making the defenses would, I think, reach the amount referred to; and I am informed by investigations made by me that the financial condition of the parties is such that the City could not expect to recover in the end any portion of their expenditures from the plaintiffs. From whatever point of view the matter is looked at, the settlement is one extremely desirable for the City to make. I have heretofore consulted you in reference to this matter, and obtained your concurrence in my action, and only write this letter for the purpose of advising you of the success to the efforts at compromise, and to spread upon the record the considerations applicable thereto.

In addition to the amount of fifty thousand dollars referred to, we shall necessarily be called upon to pay the statutory costs of the action to the plaintiffs' attorney, and some allowances to the attorney, which will probably not exceed five or six thousand dollars.

Yours respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

SCHEDULE OF THE CLAIMS OF WM. C. ROGERS AND J. JARVIS JONES, AS SURVIVORS OF E. JONES & Co.,
AND W. C. ROGERS & Co.

No.	SUIT BEGUN.	COURT.	CLAIMS FOR	AMOUNT.	INTEREST TO NOVEMBER 6, 1878.	TOTAL
1872.						
1	Nov. 6.....	Supreme	Printing, etc., Common Council, 1868.....	\$268,490 03	From Jan. 1, 1869, \$185,013 56	\$453,503 59
2	Dec. 29.....	Superior.....	Printing, etc., Common Council, 1869.....	368,214 05	From Jan. 1, 1870, 228,037 00	596,251 05
3	Dec. 31.....	Common Pleas.	Printing, etc., Common Council, 1870.....	145,044 50	From May 1, 1870, 86,442 48	231,486 98
1873.						
4	Feb. 27.....	Supreme	Stationery, etc., for Depart- ments in 1869 and 1870.....	323,609 42	From May 1, 1870, 192,925 13	516,534 55
5	Feb. 27.....	Supreme	Printing, etc., Common Council, 1870.....	20,252 27	From May 1, 1870, 12,069 78	32,322 05
1875.						
6	April 16.....	Supreme	Stationery, etc., for County Offices, 1868 and 1869.....	94,913 30	From Jan. 1, 1870, 58,780 31	153,693 61
				\$1,220,523 57	Grand Total.....	\$1,983,791 83

Know all men by these presents, That we, J. Jarvis Jones, of Fairfield, Connecticut, and William C. Rogers of New York City, sole survivors of the late firms of "E. Jones & Co.," and "W. C. Rogers & Co.," do hereby individually and on behalf of the said late firms of "E. Jones & Co.," and "W. C. Rogers & Co.," make, constitute and appoint Henry D. Felter, of the City, County and State of New York, our true, sufficient, and lawful attorney for us and in our names as individuals and as surviving co-partners as aforesaid, to settle, compromise, and adjust all claims, debts or demands of the said firms against the City or County of New York, now in suit, and to give all necessary receipts and acquittances therefor, and to do and perform all necessary acts in the prosecution and execution of the aforesaid business, in as full and ample a manner as we might do if personally present.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this eighth day of November, 1878.

In presence of B. Fitzsimmons.

E. JONES & CO., by J. JARVIS JONES.	[L. S.]
E. JONES & CO., by W. C. ROGERS.	[L. S.]
W. C. ROGERS & CO., by J. JARVIS JONES.	[L. S.]
W. C. ROGERS, by W. C. ROGERS.	[L. S.]
J. JARVIS JONES.	[L. S.]
W. C. ROGERS.	[L. S.]

State of New York, County of New York, ss. :

On this eighth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, before me personally came J. Jarvis Jones and William C. Rogers, to me known, and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

B. FITZSIMMONS,

(94) *Notary Public, N. Y. Co.*

Know all men by these presents, That we, J. Jarvis Jones, of Fairfield, Connecticut, and William C. Rogers, of the City of New York, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to us in hand paid by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby individually, and on behalf of the late firms of "E. Jones & Co.," and "W. C. Rogers & Co.," release and forever discharge the said the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, of and from all actions, causes of actions, suits, controversies, claims and demands, whatsoever belonging or accruing to us, either individually or as survivors of the late firms of "E. Jones & Co.," and "W. C. Rogers & Co.," or to said firms for or by reason of any matter, cause, or thing from the beginning of the world down to the day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this eighth day of November, 1873.

In presence of B. Fitzsimmons.

E. JONES & CO., by J. JARVIS JONES.	[L. S.]
W. C. ROGERS & CO., by J. J. JONES.	[L. S.]
J. JARVIS JONES.	[L. S.]
E. JONES & CO., by WILLIAM C. ROGERS.	[L. S.]
W. C. ROGERS & CO., by WILLIAM C. ROGERS.	[L. S.]
WILLIAM C. ROGERS.	[L. S.]

State of New York, County of New York, ss. :

On this eighth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, before me personally came J. Jarvis Jones and William C. Rogers, to me known, and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the

foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

B. FITZSIMMONS,
(94) *Notary Public, N. Y. Co.*

and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of six thousand four hundred and sixteen dollars and eighty cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made for "Judgments" for the year 1873, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for "Judgments Recovered, or Settlement of Claims by Law Department," which is insufficient, or requires the same.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, November 9, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor and Chairman of Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Sir.—No more important measure can receive the attention of this department, at the present time, than the continuation

of the repairs of the streets so long as the season will permit. I am desirous of continuing this work until the frost shall compel me to relinquish the effort. Accordingly, the transfer of the amount herein named from the appropriation of "Repaving under chapter 476, Laws of 1875," for 1878, which is of a kindred nature, and is a surplus balance to "Repairs and Renewal of Pavements" for 1878, \$7,000, and to "Boulevard, Roads and Avenues—Maintenance of," for 1878, \$1,000 will enable this Department to continue the prosecution of this much needed work.

I therefore request that the said amounts be transferred from "Repaving under chapter 476, Laws of 1875," for 1878, the same being in excess of the amount needed therefor.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of eight thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made to the department of Public Works for the year 1878, entitled, "Repaving, under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations made to the same Department for the year 1878, which are insufficient, viz.:

"Repairs and Renewal of Pavements".....	\$7,000 00
"Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance of".	1,000 00
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Total.....	<u>\$8,000 00</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, November 21, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th Section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor,

Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, November 22, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated November 21, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
Acting Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
November 21, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor,

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 22d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$100,000 "Croton Water Main Stock," under Chapter 477, Laws of 1875, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 21st day of November, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WM. R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—All the members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held November 12, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET. }

New York, November 12, 1878.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York.

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and are hereby requested to transfer from the unexpended balance of appropriation for 1877, to the account of "Supplies for Police," for 1878, the following amounts:

Account of Supplies for Police	\$526 03
" Alterations and repairs of Station	
Houses	593 96
Street Cleaning.—	
Scows to receive ashes	225 00
Street Cleaning Fund	1,843 34
Total	<u>\$3,188 33</u>

—towards paying the necessary expenses of the Department
until January 1, 1878, as follows :

Feeding of Horses	\$1,575 00
Coal for Station Houses.....	2,700 00
Coal for Steamer " Seneca ".....	400 00
Incidental Expenses.....	1,000 00
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Total.....	\$5,675 00

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,

First Deputy Clerk.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and thirty-three cents, be, and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made to the Police Department for the year 1877, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

" Supplies for Police ".....	\$526 03
" Police Station-houses—alterations, fitting up, additions to, and repairs, etc".....	593 96
" Cleaning Streets—Under Police Department " ..	2,068 34
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Total.....	\$3,188 33

—to the appropriation made to the Police Department for 1878, entitled " Supplies for Police," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriations made to the Police Department, for the year 1877, entitled "Cleaning Streets under Police Department," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects therefor, to an appropriation made to the same department, entitled "Contingent Expenses" for 1877, which is insufficient or requires the same.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen—3.*

Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—1.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL. }

NEW YORK, November 15, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor and Chairman Board of

Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir,—To enable this Department to meet such expenditures as are absolutely necessary for the care and protection of the aqueducts and reservoirs, an additional sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) is required for the appropriation for "Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance," for 1878, and I would therefore request that this sum be transferred to said appropriation from the appropriation for "Repaving under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875," for 1878, for the purposes of which it is not needed.

I have also to state that the appropriation for "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices" for 1878, is not sufficient to enable the Department to meet the demands and needs of the various departments, courts, and offices for supplies, and I would therefore request that the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) be transferred to that appropriation from the appropriation for "Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs" for 1878, the said sum being in excess of the requirements of the latter appropriation.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the following appropriations made to the Department of Public Works for the year 1878, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

" Repaving, under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875,"....	\$2,000 00
" Public Buildings — Construction and Repairs,"	
etc.	2,000 00
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Total.....	\$4,000 00
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—to the following appropriations, made to the same Department for the year 1878, which are insufficient, viz. :

" Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance ".....	\$2,000 00
" Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices," etc....	2,000 00
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Total.	\$4,000 00
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative--*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments*—4.

By unanimous consent the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "Croton Water Main Stock."

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Croton Water-main Stock," as

authorized by Chapter 477, Laws of 1875, to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, on account of requisition made by the Department of Public Works, dated May 20, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The CHAIRMAN presented a communication from the Superintendent of Buildings, asking for the transfer of an appropriation.

Which was referred to, and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF
ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1878—12 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, November 29, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th Section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed

May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Saturday, November 30, 1878, at 12 o'clock, M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated November 29, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
November 29, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor,

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Saturday, November 30, 1878, at 12 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of transacting any business that may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 29th day of November, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WM. R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments,*

Present—All the members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held November 22, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, }
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET, }
New York, November 27, 1878.

To the Honorable Board of

Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to inform you that the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Board, held this day :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to authorize the transfer of the sum of four thousand one hundred and eighty-four dollars and forty-nine cents (\$4,184.49), from the appropriation for "Pay of Foremen, &c." for the current year, the same being in excess of the amount required therefor, in the following amounts to the appropriations for the current year specified :

To the Headquarters Pay-roll—One thousand and ninety-five dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$1,095.38).

To the Repair Shops Pay-roll—Five hundred and seventy-nine dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$579.78).

To the Bureau of Combustibles Pay roll—Five hundred and fifty-one dollars (\$551).

To the Bureau of Fire Marshall's Pay-roll—Seven hundred and fifty-eight dollars and thirty-three cents (\$758.33).

To the Superintendent of Horses Pay-roll—Twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200).

—for each of which the appropriation is insufficient.

Very respectfully,

VINCENT C. KING,

President.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand one hundred and eighty-four dollars and forty-nine cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made to the Fire Department for the year 1878, entitled "Pay of Foremen, Assistant Foremen, Engineers, Firemen, &c.," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations made to the said Department for the year 1878, which are insufficient, viz.:

" Headquarters Pay-roll"	\$1,095 38
" Repair Shop Pay-roll"	579 78
" Bureau of Combustibles Pay-roll"	551 00
" Bureau of Fire Marshall Pay-roll"	758 33
" Superintendent of Horses Pay-roll"	1,200 00
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Total	\$4,184 49
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, }
No. 301 MOTT STREET. }
NEW YORK, November 26, 1878. }

HON. JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller, &c.:

Sir,—At a meeting of the Board of Health held this day,
it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be
and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer from the
unexpended balance of the appropriation for "Health
Fund, for Visiting Physicians, etc., and Health Fund,
Expenses for Inspecting Fruit" for 1878, the sum of four
hundred and seven dollars and twenty-six cents (\$407.26),
the same being in excess of the amount required for the
purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for
"Contingent Expenses for 1878," which is insufficient.

(A true copy.)

EMMONS CLARK,

Secretary.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred and seven dollars and
twenty-six cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred
from the following appropriations made to the Health
Department for the year 1878, which are in excess of the

amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof,
viz. :

"For Salaries of Physicians employed to visit the tenement houses during the extreme hot weather of 1878".....	\$50 00
"For Expenses of Inspecting fruit".....	357 26
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Total.....	\$407 26
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—to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1878, entitled "Health Fund—for Contingent Expenses," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of forty-nine thousand nine hundred and eight dollars and three cents be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made for "Interest on the City Debt," for the year 1876, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations, made for

the year 1878, which are insufficient or require the same,
viz. :

"Advertising".....	\$1,000 00
"Redemption of the Debt of the annexed territory of Westchester County".....	40
"Jurors' Fees, including expenses of Jurors in Criminal Trials".....	4,450 00
"Salaries—Judiciary—The Surrogate's Office....	5,500 00
"Salaries—Department of Buildings... ..	5,000 00
"Printing, Stationary, and Blank Books" (including \$3,000 for expenses of engraving and printing bonds for 5 per cent. loan of \$6,900,000)	10,000 00
"Salaries—Department of Finance—Salaries of Temporary Clerks and Messengers employed in Bureau for the Collection of Taxes".....	16,219 86
"Contingencies—Comptroller's Office".....	250 00
"Cleaning Markets".....	3,050 00
"Special Examination of Westchester County Ac- counts, under Chapter 327, Laws of 1878"....	831 50
"Contingencies—Law Department".....	2,000 00
"Judgments Recovered, or settlement of Claims by Law Department.....	1,606 27
Total.....	<u>\$49,908 03</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
 300 MULBERRY STREET. }
 NEW YORK, November 26, 1878. }

The Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to correct the transfer of unexpended balance, made as per request of this Board, dated November 22, 1878, from account of Street Cleaning for 1877, from \$2,068.34 to \$1,068.34, a clerical error of \$1,000 having been made in the former request.

Resolved, That the Board of Police hereby consent that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transfer from the unexpended balance of "Salary Account," for 1876 and 1877 of the Police Department, to the "Contingent Fund" of the Law Department, the following sums, viz., one thousand dollars for 1876, and two hundred dollars for 1877.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,

First Deputy Clerk.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on November 22, 1878, making a transfer of \$3,188.33 from certain unexpended balances of appropriations made to the Police Department for the year 1877, to the appropriation for "Supplies for Police," for the year 1878, be and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and thirty-three cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations, made to the Police Department for the year 1877, which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and and objects thereof, viz. :

"Supplies for Police"	\$526 03
"Police Station Houses—Alterations, Fitting up, Additions to, and Repairs, etc."	593 96
"Cleaning Streets under Police Department"	1,068 34
Total	<hr/> \$2,188 33

to the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1878, entitled "Supplies for Police," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—A.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolu-
tion :

*Resolved, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars be and the
same is hereby transferred from the following appropria-
tions, made to the Police Department for the years 1876
and 1877, which are in excess of the amounts required for
the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :*

"Police Fund" 1876.....	\$1,000 00
"Police Fund" 1877.....	200 00

Total\$1,200 00

to the appropriation made to the Law Department for the
year 1878, entitled "Contingencies—Law Department,"
which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would
agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following
vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—A.*

The Secretary presented a communication from Rev. G. W. Mackie, relating to prison reform.

Also a petition from the Central Taxpayers' Association.

Which were referred to, and original papers sent to Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

NEW YORK, December 7, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th Section of Chapter 335, being an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873 ; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873 ; and Chapter 304, being an act entitled, "An Act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 303, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874 ; and Chapter 308, being an act entitled, "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed

May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Monday, December 9, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated December 7, 1878.

W. R. ROBERTS,
Acting Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
December 7, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor,

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday, November 9, 1878, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of transacting any business hat may be brought before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 7th day of December, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

WM. R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments*

Present—All the members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held November 30, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, }
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET, }

New York, December 7, 1878.

To the Board of

Estimate and Apportionment :

I have the honor to submit herewith a communication from the Hon. William H. Webb, Esq., President of the Council of Reform of this City, together with the opinion of the Law Committee of the Council, in relation to the Department of Docks as a part of the government of the City, and the requirements of the law by which the Commissioners of Docks are required to obtain the money necessary to conduct the Department.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

New York, December 5, 1878.

To the Honorable the Comptroller

of the City of New York :

Sir,—The Council of Reform beg leave herewith to submit the accompanying opinion of the Law Committee of the Council, in relation to the Department of Docks as a part of the

government of this City, and the requirements of the law by which the Commissioners of Docks are required to obtain the money necessary to conduct the department.

The Council of Reform respectfully requests that you will present the same to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for their immediate consideration.

By order of the Council.

Yours, most respectfully,

W. H. WEBB,

President.

N. H. BEERS,

Secretary.

NEW YORK, December 3, 1878.

WILLIAM H. WEBB, Esq.,

President of the Council of Reform:

Sir,—I have examined the papers submitted by you, and the laws relating to the same, in reference to the questions whether the Department of Docks is one of the regular departments of the government of this City, and what laws govern it in regard to the process of obtaining the money required for its yearly expenses.

The conclusions I have come to are, that this is one of the departments of the City Government, without any qualifications; that chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, creating the Department of Docks, and chapter 738 of the Laws of 1872, amending the same, are repealed by the City Charter of 1873, in respect to all that relates to the matter of providing for the expenditures of this Department; that the independence of the Department of Docks as a branch of the City Government which it held previous to the Charter of 1873 is abolished by that charter; and that the Dock Commissioners are required to make the yearly estimate of the amount of money needed by

this Department to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and to obtain this money in the same manner as is required by the Charter, of all the other departments.

Truly yours,

THEODORE W. DWIGHT.

I concur in this opinion.

JAMES EMOTT.

I concur in the opinion.

HENRY J. SCUDDER.

I concur in the above opinion of Judge Dwight.

HENRY DAY.

I concur in the foregoing opinion.

EDWARD FITCH.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, }
NEW YORK, June 11, 1874. }

To the Department of Docks :

Gentlemen,—I find that you have omitted to submit to this Board an estimate of the expenses of your Department for the current year.

While it is no doubt true that the funds provided by law for your Department are, in the first instance, raised upon bonds of the City, these bonds cannot be issued without the consent, previously obtained, of this Board, and all information therefore as to the working of your Department should be laid by you before the Board, that we may act intelligently upon all applications submitted to them for the issue of bonds for the purposes of the Department.

The salaries of your Department are also paid from the proceeds of bonds, but it is the duty of this Board to consider and

determine as to the amount which should be expended for this purpose, and this they can only satisfactorily do by having before them a detailed statement showing the names of the officers and employees, their respective duties, with the salary paid to each, and considering these in relation to the work performed or carried on by the Department.

It is also desirable that you should transmit to this Board a statement of the sums received by the Department from all sources (other than the sums paid by the Finance Department), and how the same is disposed of.

Respectfully,
(Signed) JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, }
NEW YORK, June 15, 1874. }

HON. JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment,
City of New York :

Sir,—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held this day, the following resolution was adopted :

“ *Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in reply to its communication, dated 13th inst., asking for an estimate of the expenses of this Department for the current year, together with a detailed list of all officers and appointees, with their respective duties and salaries, and a statement of the sums received by the Department from all sources, and the disposition of the same, in order that the said Board ‘ may act intelligently upon all applications submitted to them for the issue of bonds for the purposes of the Department,’ be, and the said Board is hereby, respectfully informed :

“ 1. That subdivision 11 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws

of 1871, provides that 'Dock Bonds of the City of New York' shall be prepared and issued by the Comptroller, when directed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; and that section 102 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, continues the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as a Board, 'with all the powers and duties now assigned, designated and ratified by existing laws and ordinances.'

"2d. That subdivision 8 of said section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, requires that the Board governing this Department shall appoint such subordinate officers and employees as shall be necessary, and gives it the authority to fix the compensation of all persons so appointed.

"3d. That the said subdivision 8 further provides a limit for the aggregate annual expenses of the Department.

"4th. That 'the sums received by the Department from all sources' are deposited, on the last day of each month, with the Chamberlain, to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in compliance with subdivision 7 of said section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871; and that the amount is published monthly in the *City Record*, and is further shown in the quarterly and annual reports of this Department, transmitted to his Honor the Mayor.

"5th. That section 119 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, repealing the act passed April 18, 1871, saves and retains in full force the said section 6 of chapter 574, Laws of 1871; and,

"6th. That, in the opinion of the Commissioners of Docks, the law does not place any of the subject matter contained in said communication under the consideration or control of the said Board of Estimate and Apportionment."

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EUGENE T. LYNCH,

Secretary.

Which were referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on November 30, 1878, making a transfer of \$1,200 from certain unexpended balances of appropriations made to the Police Department for the years 1876 and 1877, to the appropriation for "Contingencies—Law Department," for the year 1878, be and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)*
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made to the Police Department for the years 1876 and 1877, which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz :

" Police Fund "—1876	\$1,000 00
" Police Fund "—1877	200 00
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	\$1,200 00

to the following appropriations made to the Law Depart-

ment for the years 1876 and 1877, which are insufficient,
viz. :

"Contingencies—Law Department," 1876.....	\$1,000 00
"Contingencies—Law Department," 1877.....	200 00
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	\$1,200 00
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
300 MULBERRY STREET. }
NEW YORK, December 7, 1878. }

The Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Police hereby consent that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transfer from the appropriation made to the Bureau of Street Cleaning of the Police Department of the City of New York, for the year 1878, to the account of "Contingencies—Law Department, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, to pay the bill of Messrs. Beebe, Wilcox & Hobbs, in defending

John Kelly, in the Court of Sessions in the County of Kings, for a breach of the Health Laws of the City of Brooklyn, in towing scows down the Bay ; also,

Resolved, That the Board of Police hereby consent that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transfer from the appropriation made to the Bureau of Street Cleaning of the Police Department of the City of New York, for the year 1878, to the account of "Judgments," the sum of two hundred and forty dollars and seventeen cents, to pay a judgment for salvage and costs obtained in the United States District Court in this district in favor of Thomas S. Burke *vs.* Scow No. 26.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,
First Deputy Clerk.

and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred and ninety dollars and seventeen cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1878, entitled "Cleaning Streets under Police Department," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations, made for the year 1878, which are insufficient, viz. :

"Contingencies—Law Department"	\$250 00
"Judgments"	240 17
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Total	\$490 17
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, }
NEW YORK, December 3, 1878. }

The Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and are hereby respectfully requested to transfer from the unexpended balance of appropriation for the Bureau of Street Cleaning for the year 1878, in the account of "Scows to receive Ashes, Garbage, etc., as provided by chapter 148 of the Laws of 1875," to the account of "Supplies for Police" for the year 1878, the sum of five thousand dollars, to enable the Department to purchase the necessary supplies to January 1, 1879.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,

First Deputy Clerk,

and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made

to the Police Department for the year 1878, entitled "Cleaning Streets under Police Department," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1878, entitled "Supplies for Police," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen—3.*

Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—1.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred and forty dollars and eighty-six cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "St. Joseph's Asylum in the City of New York" for the support of eighteen children committed by Police Justices, in pursuance of chapter 173, Laws of 1875, and chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from January 29, 1877, to October 31, 1878, aggregating 3,293 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of nineteen thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars and twenty-eight cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Institution of Mercy," for the support of 860 children in said institution, committed by Police Justices, under chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from September 1 to November 30, 1878, aggregating 67,257 days at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative —The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand five hundred and nineteen dollars and seventy-two cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominick," for the support of 184 children in said asylum, committed by Police Justices, under chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from September 1 to November 30, 1878, aggregating 15,819 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative--The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and twenty-six dollars and eighty-six cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund, to the "Ladies' Deborah Nursery and Child's Protectory," for the support of forty-six children, committed by Police Justices, in pursuance of chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from October 1 to November

30, 1878, aggregating 2,187 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day, for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven dollars and seventy-one cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund, to "The Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, for the Protection of Homeless and Destitute Children," for the support of 186 children in said institution, committed by Policee Justices, under chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from August 1 to October 31, 1878, aggregating 13,388 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communication :

BOARD OF EXCISE,
209 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, December 4, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

We hereby request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to set aside from the Excise Fund the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the purposes of the Board of Excise.

This is made absolutely necessary by the increased work of the Board, under the Excise Law of 1857, and the frequency of inspections.

We believe that, with this sum at our disposal, we shall be able to make large returns to the City Treasury, by stirring up delinquent dealers who have failed to take out licenses. Our expenses are besides largely increased by the frequency of trials for violations of the Excise Laws, and by suits in court against parties who sell without licenses.

The amount received by us from February 4, 1878, up to December 1, 1878, and paid over to the City Chambelain, has been \$322,734.

Yours, respectfully,

RICHARD J. MORRISON,
PHILIP MERKLE,

Commissioners of Excise.

HEAD-QUARTERS SIXTY-NINTH REGIMENT, N. G., S. N. Y., }
 NEW YORK, December 6, 1878. }

To the Board of Apportionment, New York:

Gentlemen,—On behalf of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., and by the authority of the Board of Officers, I herewith present this claim of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), to pay for the services of the regiment on the 12th and 13th days of July, 1871, the days of what is generally called the "Orange Riots."

I have the honor to remain, your ob't serv't,

WM. DE LACY,

*Lieut.-Colonel 69th Regiment and
 President of the Board of Officers.*

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

The Chairman presented the Provisional Estimate as objected to, and rectified by the Board of Aldermen, as follows:

NEW YORK, November 30, 1878.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Gentlemen,—As provided in section 112 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, as amended by section 20 of chapter 757, Laws of 1873, (commonly called the Charter), the following "objections to, or rectifications of," the provisional estimate for the year 1879, made by the Board of Aldermen, at a meeting held December 29, 1878, are hereby transmitted to your honorable body in writing.

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,

Clerk.

Add the following to the appropriations made to the Common Council: For legal expenses incurred by the Common Council in 1878, in defending the members thereof on indictment for passing ordinances relating to pretended obstructions in the streets. Approved by the Common Council by resolution adopted October 14, 1878.....	\$10,000 00
Free Floating Baths, amended as follows: Free Floating Baths, including construction and maintenance of one additional bath, to be located at the Battery.....	23,500 00
Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues—Reduced from \$3,000 to.....	1,500 00
Repairing Streets and Avenues, under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875—Increased from \$300,000 to.....	500,000 00
Public Charities and Correction—Increase amount for support of out-door poor from from \$40,000 to.....	60,000 00
Public Parks—Add new item as follows: Repairing and reflagging walks in and around the City Hall Park and other city parks.....	129,930 00
Supplies for Police—Increase from \$60,000.....	70,000 00
Salaries—City Courts, Police Courts—Add item as follows: Salaries, six janitors.....	7,200 00
Salaries—District Courts—Add Salaries ten janitors.....	12,000 00
Police—Salaries of Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants Post and Gate Keepers, and Night Watchmen, Department of Public Parks—Increase from \$75,000 to.....	110,000 00

Cleaning Streets under Police Department—Salaries, etc., etc., under this head, increased from \$650,000 to 754,231 25

Add to Police Department :

Purchase of lot and erection of new station-house for Sixth Precinct Police	50,000 00
Building new station-house for Twenty-eighth Precinct Police	40,000 00
Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc., reduced from \$75,000 to	50,000 00
Police Department—Add for pay of one hundred additional policemen	150,000 00

Which was laid over.

The Comptroller presented a petition from the Executive Committee of the "Central Taxpayers' Association of the City of New York," asking for a hearing on Estimates for 1879.

Which was ordered on file, and the Secretary instructed to notify the Committee that the Board would grant them a hearing at the next meeting.

The Comptroller presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
Mo. 300 Mulberry Street,
NEW YORK, December 7, 1878. }

The Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That application be and is hereby made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate the sum of

thirty thousand dollars, to purchase a site for a police station-house in the Thirtieth Precinct.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,

First Deputy Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
 No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, }
 NEW YORK, November 23, 1878. }

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—It appears by the published proceedings of your Board that the sum proposed for account of "Supplies" of the Police Department for the year 1879 is about \$60,000. That sum was appropriated for the present year, and the wants of the Department are such that said amount may not prove sufficient.

Under such circumstances it seems plain that a larger provision ought to be made for 1879. The account of "Supplies" covers a number of items of current expenditure which cannot be diminished or deferred without serious derangement of the public business of the Department.

The Board of Police therefore respectfully request that the appropriation for 1879 be increased by adding thereto the sum of ten thousand dollars at least.

Very respectfully,

S. C. HAWLEY,

Chief Clerk.

Which was laid over.

Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell, of the State Board of Charities, appeared before the Board and presented the following communication :

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES, }
NEW YORK, December 5, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City of New York.

Gentlemen,—I see by the provisional estimate made by you of appropriations for the Department of Public Charities and Correction for the year 1879, that you have not considered it desirable to provide additional accommodation for the insane of this City, and I am impelled by every consideration of duty and humanity to make an appeal to you to reconsider your decision in this matter.

Ten months ago, as we pointed out to you, there was an excess of more than one thousand insane patients under the care of the City, for whom there was no adequate provision at all; since that time the number has increased by two hundred, and very little has been done during the year to house them properly; four hundred will probably be provided for by the first of January, but the rest will remain crowded together, many of them so placed that they constantly irritate each other.

Simply as a measure of economy this city must sooner or later try to cure all of its insane who are curable, and not manufacture chronic lunatics out of the acute cases sent to the asylums for treatment.

The treatment of insanity is a science, and certain conditions are necessary to recovery; plenty of room, of fresh air, of good food, of medical and other attendance. None of these things do the insane patients of this City receive, and every plea of humanity and economy requires that some relief should be afforded them.

I ask that you will make the following appropriations:

Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), to finish the west wing of the Insane Asylum, Ward's Island. This wing is already

begun, and it is only waste of time and material not to complete it.

Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), to remodel the upper floor of the same asylum, in order to afford single rooms for violent cases. This is a substitute for the amount (\$60,000) asked for by the Board of Public Charities and Correction for the east wing of the asylum, and will be as useful as the proposed wing, if other and cheaper buildings can be provided for the quiet cases.

Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), to rebuild the Lodge on Blackwell's Island, which is totally unfit for insane patients or any other human beings.

Twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500), for two new pavilions for insane women on Hart's Island.

The above demands are the least that can be made for these unhappy beings, deprived of reason, and, under the most favorable circumstances, doomed to great suffering, but here, in this City, forced to endure misery beyond that which their disease renders inevitable, and often condemned to a long life of insanity by the want of proper care in our asylums.

Unless some effective measure of relief is adopted, the City may be roused by some fearful catastrophe, an epidemic, a fire, or other calamity, occurring in one of the asylums and directly traceable to the cruel crowding of hundreds of maniacs into buildings quite unfit for them.

I must still repeat my conviction that very shortly the City will be forced to buy additional land in order to provide for its insane, for the appropriations asked for this year will only afford a temporary relief to the overcrowding.

I must also beg that the appropriations for salaries and supplies may be large enough to provide adequate care and food, and that you will take the trouble to appropriate a special amount for the asylums, in order that no part of what

you intend for them may be diverted to the care of any other class of persons.

Of the first importance are competent and experienced superintendents, and they must have physicians of standing as assistants, and faithful and efficient attendants, and these cannot be secured without, at least, reasonable compensation. I beg that you will make it possible to have such physicians and attendants in the asylums of New York.

In order to make this easier, I take the liberty of suggesting that you should make no appropriation for the out-door poor, or for the adult blind from the general tax levy, but that in place of these appropriations you should grant from the Excise Fund the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), to be divided between the Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and to be distributed by those societies according to their discretion, all applicants for City relief being referred to them for examination and care. By this plan the poor would be better cared for than at present, and the general funds of the City would be relieved to the amount of sixty thousand dollars.

Respectfully,

JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL,

Commissioner of the State Board, etc.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Secretary presented a communication from Thomas L. Thornell, Esq., asking for an appropriation from the Excise Fund in behalf of the "Free Home for Destitute Young Girls."

Also, a communication from the "St. Joseph's Home for the Aged," asking for an appropriation to build an extension to their buildings.

Which were referred to and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to notify the heads of the several Departments when their appropriation for 1879 will be taken up for consideration, and invite them to be present.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board agreed with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER moved that when the Board adjourns, so to meet on Wednesday, December 11th, 1878, at 10 o'clock M.

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary

BOARD OF
ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1878—12 o'clock M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—The following members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent :

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 9th, 1878, were read and approved.

The Board proceeded to take up the Estimate for 1879 for the College of the City of New York.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the Board would grant a hearing in reference thereto.

Whereupon Commissioner E. P. WHEELER made a statement relating to the said estimate.

The Board then took up the estimate of the Board of Education.

Whereupon Commissioners WOOD, MANIERRE, and JELLIFFE made statements in reference thereto.

The Board then proceeded to take up for consideration the estimate of the Police Department.

Whereupon Commissioner SMITH made a statement in relation thereto.

The CHAIRMAN offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to furnish this Board, as soon as possible, with his opinion in reference to the salaries of the Police Force under acts of the Legislature, and particularly as to the operation or effect of the provision contained in chapter 861, Laws of 1866, "that whenever the currency of the United States shall attain a par value, in gold, the foregoing salaries, as fixed by this act, shall be reduced twenty per cent."

And put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote.

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and As-
sessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet to-morrow (De-
cember 12th), at 12 o'clock M.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1878—12 o'clock M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—The following members, viz.:

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 11, 1878, were read and approved.

The Board proceeded to take up the Estimates, for 1879 of the Fire Department.

Whereupon Commissioners King and Gorman made statements in reference thereto.

The Board then took up the Estimate of the Department of Charities and Correction.

Whereupon Commissioners Cox, Brennan, and Bailey appeared and made statements in reference thereto.

The CHAIRMAN presented a communication from the Department of Public Works, asking for a transfer of an appropriation.

Also a communication from the Board of City Record, asking for a transfer.

Which were referred and the original papers sent to the Comptroller.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Department of Public Parks, asking for the transfer of an appropriation.

Which was referred to and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet on Friday, December 13, 1878, at 12 o'clock M.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1878.—12 o'clock M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 12, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

OFFICE OF THE CITY RECORD, }
No. 2 CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, December 12, 1878. }

*To the Board of
Estimate and Apportionment :*

Gentlemen,—We request that you authorize a transfer of

the sum of twenty-seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-six cents from the following unexpended balances for the year 1877 :

Appropriation—"Publication CITY RECORD," 1877..	\$1,734 44
Appropriation—"CITY RECORD—Salaries and Contingencies," 1877.....	25 66
Appropriations—"Printing, Stationery and Blank-books," 1877.....	1,038 76
Total.....	<u>\$2,798 86</u>

—to the appropriation made for "Printing, Stationery and Blank-books," for the year 1878, which is insufficient.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES F. WOOD,
Supervisor City Record.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

—and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-six cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made for the year 1877, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

"Publication of CITY RECORD".....	\$1,734 44
"CITY RECORD—Salaries and Contingencies".....	25 66
"Printing, Stationery and Blank-books".....	1,038 76
Total.....	<u>\$2,798 86</u>

—to the appropriation made for "Printing, Stationery and Blank-books," for the year 1878, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
NO. 36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }
NEW YORK, December 11, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Sir,—At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners governing this Department, held this day, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is requested to transfer the sum of one hundred and seventy-two dollars and eighteen cents, from the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," for 1877, for the purpose of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "Surveying, Laying out and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of this Island," for 1877, which is insufficient.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

—and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and seventy-two dollars and eighteen cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1877, entitled "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department, for the year 1877, entitled "Surveying, Laying out, and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, etc." which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessment—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE (Room 19), CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, December 12, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir,—This Department is unable to remedy some twenty complaints of obstructions on streets, made by the Police Department, because the appropriation for the removal of ob-

structions is exhausted. In consequence of the temporary vacancy in the office of Chief Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct, there is a small surplus in the appropriation for Salaries—Department of Public Works. I would therefore request that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) be transferred to the appropriation for "Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues," for 1878, from the appropriation for "Salaries—Department of Public Works," for 1878, for the purposes of which it is not needed.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

—and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Works for the year 1878, entitled "Salaries—Department of Public Works," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1878, entitled "Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and sixty dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made for "Salaries—Department of Taxes and Assessments," for the year 1877, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for "Contingencies — Comptroller's Office," for the year 1878, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Board then proceeded to take up the Estimate for 1879, for the Law Department, for consideration.

Whereupon the Counsel to the Corporation made a statement in relation thereto, and asked that the sum of \$10,000 be added for the expense of procuring and presenting of evidence relative to frauds prior to January 1, 1872. Also the sum of \$3,000 to meet the expense attending the Pinckney trial.

The Board then took up the Estimate of the Health Department.

Whereupon Professor Chandler and Dr. Janeway made statements in reference thereto.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet on Monday, December 16, 1878, at 12 o'clock m.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1878—12 o'clock M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—The following members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 13, 1878, were read and approved.

The Board proceeded to take up the Estimate for 1879 of the District Attorney.

Whereupon Hon. B. K. Phelps made a statement in reference thereto, asking that the Board appropriate the amount asked for.

The Board then took up the estimate of the Department of Public Works.

Whereupon Hon. Allan Campbell presented the following statement :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, December 16, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor and Chairman of Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

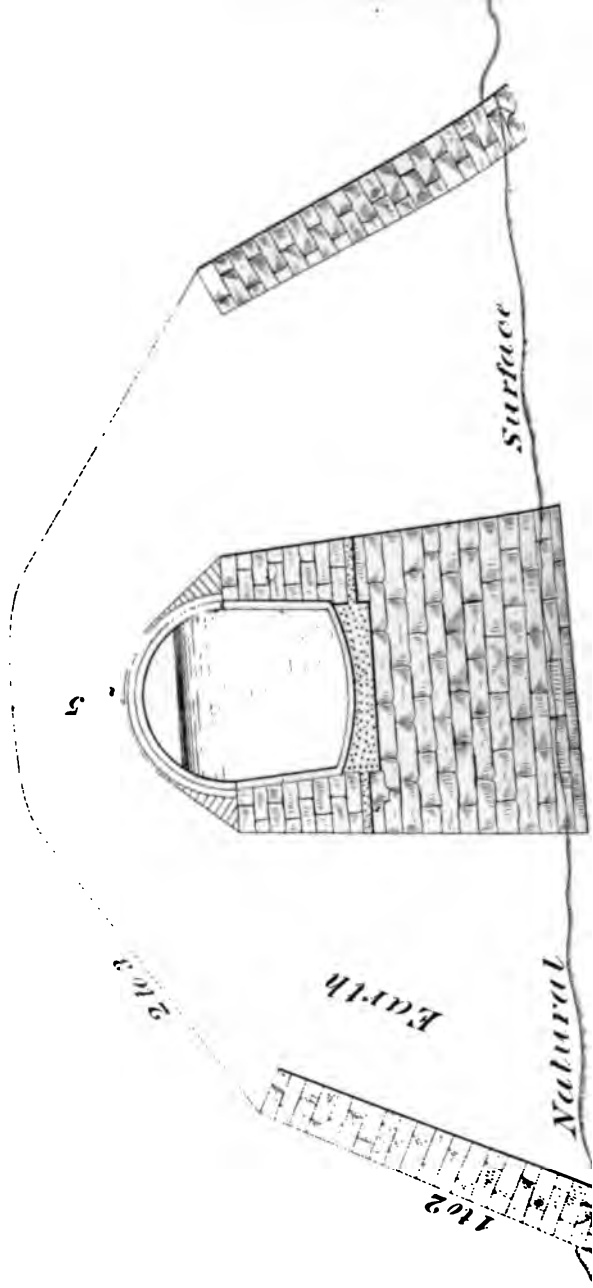
Sir,—Your Board having now under consideration the final estimate for the year 1879, I would respectfully submit the reasons why certain reductions made in the provisional estimate from the departmental estimate submitted by me should be restored.

AQUEDUCT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

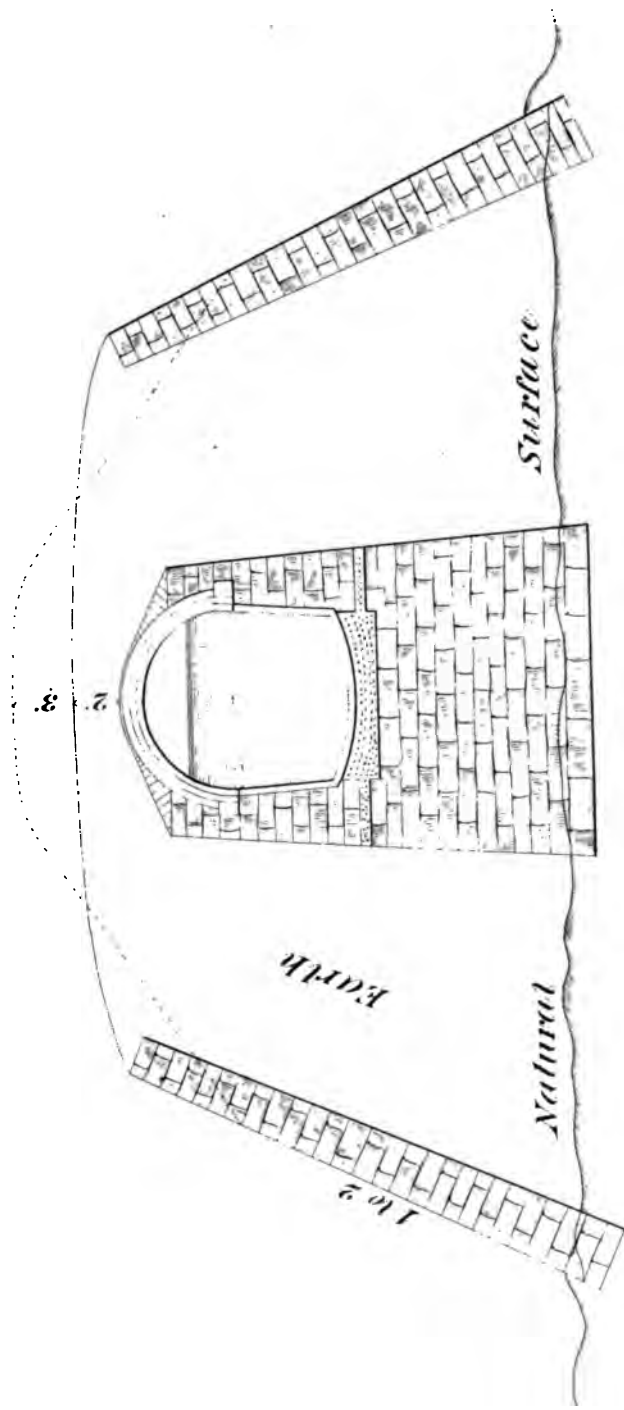
Departmental Estimate.....	\$115,000 00
Provisional Estimate.....	100,000 00

It seems hardly necessary to repeat the statement so often made in the official reports and communications of the Department, that for some years past it has been necessary to carry through the Aqueduct a much larger quantity of water than the structure was originally designed to convey. The designers and builders of the Aqueduct did not intend that it should ever carry water to a greater depth than about one foot above the spring line of the arch, which would give a daily delivery of about 71,000,000 gallons. For the last ten years, however, the consumption has exceeded that amount, and for several years past it has averaged more than 90,000,000 gallons per day. To supply this demand, the Aqueduct has to be filled to within a few inches of the inner crown of the arch. For some time after the Aqueduct was submitted to the additional

Plan of Aqueduct as built over low ground



Plan as being changed



strain of carrying this increased volume of water, nothing was done to strengthen it ; but, about two years ago, those portions of it which are built on open embankments, across valleys or low lands, comprising about nine miles of the thirty-two miles of masonry aqueduct, began to show signs of weakness, and it became necessary to take immediate measures to strengthen them. The general plan adopted for this purpose is as follows : An additional arch is turned over the old arch ; the spandrels are raised 18 inches above the spring line of the arch ; the earth covering on top is reduced from 5 feet to 2 feet in depth, and the surplus earth placed on the side embankments ; the retaining or protection walls are carried up several feet to a level with the top of the arch. This plan has the approval of Mr. John B. Jervis, the eminent engineer who designed and personally superintended the construction of the entire Aqueduct. It is illustrated by the annexed sketch.

The usual yearly maintenance, appropriation was not intended and is not altogether sufficient to meet this additional expense. It is to be supplemented by transfers from other appropriations. The regular appropriation of \$100,000 was thus increased in 1876 by \$3,500 ; in 1877 by \$3,000 ; and in 1878 by \$12,000.

With these amounts the work of strengthening the Aqueduct could only make slow progress. By far the largest portion remains yet to be done, and must be done in order to be perfectly secured against the calamity of a break in the Aqueduct, or the necessity of reducing the amount of water brought to the City at a time when complaints of insufficient supply are frequent and increasing.

The Engineer in charge of the Aqueduct reports to me that the structure has settled several inches at points where it crosses valleys, causing cracks and leaks ; and that but for the work done last season in strengthening the walls and arch, he

would have had serious apprehensions of a breach of one of these places.

It cannot be the intention of your Board to withhold from this Department the necessary means to protect so essential an interest as the safety of our water supply. Yet, such may be the case if the appropriation is made less than the Department estimate.

The following is a statement of the appropriations and expenditures for the maintenance of the Aqueduct and reservoirs for the past eight years.

In 1871.....	average	\$140,000 00	\$172,000 00
In 1872.....	"		130,000 00
In 1873.....	"		125,000 00
In 1874.....	"		125,000 00
In 1875.....	"		140,000 00
In 1876.....			103,500 00
In 1877.....			103,000 00
In 1878.....			112,000 00

—which shows that the annual appropriation prior to 1876 averaged \$140,000, while for the past three years it has been but \$100,000, though slightly increased by transfers from other branches of the Department.

For the reasons given, I trust the Board will not reduce the amount asked, viz., \$115,000. A considerably greater sum might be advantageously expended, but in order to keep the estimates as low as possible, I have fixed upon the sum above named.

BOULEVARDS, ROADS, AND AVENUES, MAINTENANCE OF.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$45,000 00
Provisional Estimate.....	30,000 00

At the close of the year 1874 there were in use 720,000 square yards of boulevards or Macadam roadways (17½ miles)

and the appropriation for maintaining them for that year was \$75,000.

In 1879 there will be in use 903,000 square yards of these roadways (23 miles), for the maintenance of which I ask \$45,000, and the provisional estimate allows \$30,000.

The appropriation for 1875 was \$70,000; for 1876, \$45,000; for 1877, \$45,000, and for 1878, \$41,000.

It will readily be conceded that the amount of care and repairs required for these roadways does not decrease with age, but that the reverse is the case. It should also be remembered that, unlike the hard stone pavements, they require care from the moment they are completed. Unless the surface covering is regularly removed, and the roads rolled and scraped and moistened, they will become rough, and will rapidly disintegrate.

On the steeper grades the gutters, which were originally laid with broken stone, have washed out, and should be replaced with solid stone. Some progress has been made in this work, with decided benefit to the roads, and it is desirable to continue it from year to year until the whole is perfected.

These Macadam roads have cost the City and property-owners over three millions of dollars, and should have every year the appropriation necessary to prevent their deterioration.

CONTINGENCIES—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$2,500 00
Provisional Estimate.....	2,000 00

As a matter of prudence, this appropriation should be made not less than \$5,000, and might very properly be put at \$10,000, as it would not be expended unless the public interests should require it, and contingencies may arise when the protection of the public health or the safety of life or property,

may require immediate measures and expenditures not provided for in the other appropriations. As an instance of this kind, I will mention that this year it became necessary to make surveys and borings on First avenue, between Ninety-second and One Hundred and Ninth streets, at an expense of over \$900, to obtain evidence for the City in a suit involving over \$500,000, whereby a large sum may be saved to the City. There was no other fund or appropriation out of which this could have been paid. The appropriation should therefore be increased in place of being diminished.

FREE FLOATING BATHS.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$13,500 00
Provisional Estimate.....	12,000 00

The Department estimate is at the rate of \$2,917 for each of the six baths, while the average cost of maintaining the baths for the past four years was \$4,100 each per annum. The force of attendants has already been reduced to the full extent consistent with the preservation of the baths, the maintenance of order, and the proper accommodation of bathers. Further reduction means less accommodation for the public who patronize these useful institutions and inadequate means to preserve public property.

PUBLIC DRINKING HYDRANTS.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$4,000 00
Provisional Estimate.....	3,000 00

Within the last few years many demands have been made by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and by the public, for the erection of additional drinking hydrants, and a number of resolutions have been passed by the Common Council, directing me to erect new ones in various parts of

the City. The appropriation, however, was barely sufficient to cover the expense of keeping in repair those already in use. Last year Mrs. John Jacob Astor generously donated twelve ornamental drinking fountains to the City, which are now maintained at public expense. The appropriation for 1878 is \$3,000, and the additional \$1,000 for 1879 was asked with the intention of making provision for some new hydrants or fountains, in response to the popular demand and the directions of the Common Council.

REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN STREETS AND AVENUES.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$4,000 00
Provisional Estimate.....	3,000 00

The Charter makes it the duty of the Commissioner of Public Works to remove obstructions in streets and avenues. Owing to inadequate appropriations, and other causes, this provision of the Charter, and of earlier laws and ordinances, was, until within the past two years, practically a dead letter, and the audacity and impunity with which the public streets were obstructed and taken possession of for private use and benefit had become a reproach to the City. I have earnestly endeavored to remedy this evil, and I may claim that considerable progress has recently been made in that direction. But, if the Department is not supplied with the necessary means to follow inattention to its notices of removal with the prompt seizure of the obstructions, the people will soon relapse into the old habit of violating the laws and ordinances regarding obstructions. The sum of \$4,000 asked for the purpose is very moderate in comparison with the public good that can and will be effected with it.

REPAIRING AND RENEWAL OF PIPES, STOP-COCKS, ETC.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$100,000 00
Provisional Estimate.....	75,000 00

The title of this appropriation, which has been established by usage for many years, does not convey a full idea of the many demands which it is intended to cover. It is intended for the repairs and maintenance of the entire system for distributing Croton water, comprising at this time 449 miles of iron pipes, 4,500 fire hydrants, and 3,538 stop-cocks, to which large additions are constantly made. The pipes and stop-cocks in the lower part of the City have been in use from 25 to 36 years, and those which are contiguous to the water-front are corroded from contact with salt water, so as to render them unsafe, and requiring frequent repairs and renewals. The number of fire hydrants below Fourteenth street has been doubled in the last ten years. Unskilled men, employed by the Street Cleaning Bureau, now have authority to open them, and the effect is frequent breakage and increased expense for repairs.

Hitherto the distributing system has been divided into three districts—one south of Houston street; one from Houston to Fifty-ninth street; and one north of Fifty-ninth street, with a foreman and a gang of workmen in each district to attend to repairs. In 1874 the upper district was more than doubled in territory by the annexation of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and within the past six years the extent of Croton pipes in the district has been trebled or quadrupled. It would be erroneous to assume that the new pipes laid in this district require no attention or repairs. They are liable to settlement, and to injury from excavations, blasting and other operations so extensively carried on for public and private improvements in that part of the City. It is now absolutely necessary to organize another repair gang and another district. This cannot be properly done if the appropriation is reduced below the Department estimate; and if it is left at the figure set down in the Provisional Estimate, the repair force will have to be reduced instead of being increased.

The necessary measures to suppress waste of Croton water are another large item of expense, payable out of this appropriation. In consequence of the still pending litigation in relation to the purchase of the Navarro meters, water meters have hitherto been applied only to a limited extent. Yet the number of meters in use has been increased from 260, on January 1, 1877, to 433, at this date. Two hundred and sixty-three of them are owned by the City, and kept in repair out of this appropriation; the rents collected for their use are paid into the City Treasury. The most effective means of preventing waste has been found in the house inspections commenced two years ago. Since that time the Inspectors of the Department have made more than 150,000 house inspections, and have detected and stopped about 10,000 leaks in plumbing and fixtures, and cases of willful waste in leaving faucets open. But for these inspections the consumption and waste of water would have continued to increase, and the deficiency in the supply would now be so great as to cause serious inconvenience and even distress in some parts of the City.

Unless the Department is enabled, by obtaining the full appropriation asked in my estimate, to continue these inspections, the people will soon relapse into the old habit of carelessness and waste.

REPAVING UNDER CHAPTER 476, LAWS OF 1875.

Department Estimate	\$500,000 00
Provisional Estimate	300,000 00

The condition of our streets, and my views and arguments in favor of liberal appropriations for their improvement, are so well known to you and the other members of your Board, that they need no repetition. It remains to the judgment of the Board to determine whether these improvements shall progress to the extent allowed and intended by the law, or to what ex-

tent they shall be postponed and the streets suffered to remain as they are.

Every member of the Board is as well acquainted with the disgraceful condition of our pavements as I am, and all know that the only method of renovation is by liberal appropriations and steady work each year for several years to come. Of the 330 mile of paved streets nearly 100 miles require entire renewal. The worthless wooden pavements will probably be entirely replaced by the close of 1879, but there are many miles of rough and worn-out cobble and small block pavements which should be replaced by improved pavements at the earliest possible day. Even with an appropriation of \$500,000 per annum, several years will be required to perfect the whole work.

The arguments for appropriations of not less than \$500,000 a year for this work are:

1st.—That in the interest of health and commerce it is an absolute necessity.

2d. That the fractional addition to the tax levy for \$500,000 instead of \$300,000 (one-fiftieth of one per cent.) is insignificant in comparison with the great benefits to be attained, and I have heard but one opinion expressed by taxpayers in reference to this subject, and that is in favor of the full appropriation.

3d. The sooner the streets are well paved, the sooner will the cost of repairs and street cleaning be reduced.

4th. Labor is abundant at this time, and materials are cheap. The substantial block pavements put down during the past two years, and which stand the traffic well and are doing good services, have cost on an average not exceeding \$1.90 per square yard for granite, and \$1.40 for trap; the blocks in both cases being of the same dimensions and of oblong shape.

I think if the Board knew of the pressing applications for renewed pavements, and the great favor with which the improvements of the past two years are received by all classes, that they would in this item, even in an economical point of view, consider it wise to grant the full amount of \$500,000 for the coming year.

ROADS AND AVENUES AND SPRINKLING.

Departmental Estimate	\$20,000 00
Provisional Estimate	15,000 00

There are about ten miles of country roads and over sixty miles of unpaved streets and avenues in the upper part of the city to be maintained in condition for public travel out of this appropriation. In addition to the local travel the country roads are extensively used for pleasure driving, and require frequent repairs. In dry weather they are sprinkled daily. If the appropriation is reduced below the Department estimate, the public will necessarily suffer in convenience and facilities for business and pleasure travel. Many of the unpaved streets (having been regulated and graded years ago) have become washed and gullied to such an extent as to require a considerable amount of repair to render them safe as well as passable for vehicles.

SALARIES—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Departmental Estimate	\$94,000 00
Provisional Estimate	90,000 00

The following statement shows the amounts appropriated for salaries for this Department during the past nine years :

In 1870.	\$290,000 00
1871	240,000 00
1872	199,000 00
1873	162,000 00

1874	\$150,000 00
1875	150,000 00
1876	110,000 00
1877	100,000 00
1878	95,000 00

In the meantime the duties and business of the Department were increased by the annexation of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and the consolidation of the City and County Governments.

In my opinion the reduction of employees and salaries has already been carried as far as consistent with the efficiency of the Department, unless there is to be a general reduction in the scale or rate of salaries throughout the City.

SEWERS—REPAIRING AND CLEANING.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$60,000 00
Provisional Estimate.....	50,000 00

Up to the year 1873 the Department had, in addition to the regular appropriation for cleaning and repairing sewers, the receipts for sewer permits, amounting to about \$20,000 per annum; and until December 31, 1875, it was authorized to expend not exceeding \$100,000 per annum for repairing and rebuilding sewers out of "Sewer Repair Stock." Since January 1, 1876, the whole expense of cleaning and repairing sewers and basins falls upon this appropriation. Up to January 2, 1877, the cleaning of receiving basins alone cost \$48,000 per annum, under a contract, being four-fifths of the amount now asked for the maintenance of the whole sewerage system. The unclean condition of the streets causes large deposits in the basins and sewers, and the expense of cleaning them will consume a considerable part of the amount asked, leaving an inadequate margin for repairs. Many of the old sewers in the lower part of the City require extensive repairs, and some of

the up-town sewers should be thoroughly overhauled to prevent serious evils.

The danger to public health from obstructions in the sewerage is too great to admit the curtailing of the necessary means to keep the whole system in a state of efficiency.

The annexed table shows how much the expenditures for these purposes have already been reduced. It appears that from 1868 to 1876 the average number of miles of sewers in use was three hundred, the average cost per annum for cleaning, rebuilding, etc., being \$154,000, or \$513 per mile.

From 1876 to 1879 the average number of miles of sewers in use was three hundred and sixty-three, and the average cost of cleaning, rebuilding, repairs, etc., was \$62,000, or \$171 per mile.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR CLEANING RECEIVING-BASINS AND SEWERS, AND FOR REPAIRING SEWERS, RECEIVING-BASINS AND CULVERTS FOR THE YEARS 1868 TO 1878, BOTH INCLUSIVE.

Years.	Cleaning Receiving-basins.	Cleaning Sewers.	Repairing Sewers, Basins and Culverts.	Totals.	Total Miles of Sewer in the City.	Total Number of Receiving-basins in the City.
1868.	\$28,000 00	\$48,636 38	\$50,568 99	\$127,205 37	244.50	3,226
1869.	24,000 00	26,379 53	76,340 06	126,719 59	261.	3,372
1870.	24,000 00	47,862 50	55,254 18	127,116 66	276.	3,603
1871.	48,000 00	31,272 50	158,035 62	237,308 12	295.	3,764
1872.	48,000 00	12,128 14	102,209 16	162,337 30	307.63	3,858
1873.	48,000 00	16,933 25	64,619 46	129,552 71	323.16	3,973
1874.	48,000 00	11,796 00	82,751 15	142,547 15	342.76	4,166
1875.	48,000 00	12,348 89	116,976 75	177,325 64	351.66	4,253
1876.	48,000 00	4,050 00	22,438 27	74,488 27	356.63	4,340
1877.	15,950 00	4,620 00	30,465 69	51,035 69	362.39	4,397
1878.	17,100 00	4,200 00	38,700 00	60,000 00	369.30	4,469

SUPPLIES FOR AND CLEANING PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Department Estimate.....	\$90,000 00
Provisional Estimate.....	75,600 00

To the demands heretofore supplied from this appropriation there was added by the amendments to the Military Code, passed May 18, 1878, "the expense of * * * providing the necessary camp-stools, apparatus and fixtures for heating and lighting, and the fuel and gas or oil for the same (armories), and water-closets in such buildings, and for properly preserving from injury the arms, equipments, uniforms and records stored therein, by the construction of suitable lockers, closets, gun racks and cases for uniforms, equipments, arms and records, and for the maintenance thereof in good and safe repair." * * *

Large requisitions have already been made upon the Department under this law, which had to be laid over until next year, because the present appropriation is not sufficient to meet them. The expense of furnishing these supplies for the year 1879 is estimated at \$5,800.

The new wing of the County Court House will be ready for occupation early next year, and will have to be suitable fitted up and furnished at an estimated expense of \$4,200.

In the department estimate provision is made for the salaries of janitors of buildings and premises occupied by Civil and Police Courts. I find that the reduction made in the provisional estimate from the departmental estimate, \$14,400, corresponds exactly with the amount now paid by this department for the services of janitors of buildings and premises occupied by Police and Civil District Courts, and this leads to the suggestion that the reduction was made in consequence of the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, passed over the Mayor's veto, October 22d ult., authorizing the Justices of these courts

to appoint the janitors. I would therefore call the attention of the Board to the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, given to the Mayor under date of October 7th ult., in which he says :

“Section 71 of the Charter of 1873 declares that the Department of Public Works shall have cognizance and control of the care of public buildings. This statute confers upon the Commissioner of Public Works the exclusive right to appoint persons to have the general charge and custody of public buildings. The Charter of 1870 contained a similar provision, and I am not aware that since the passage of the charter any serious question has been made as to the right and duty of the Commissioner of Public Works to take and exercise exclusive charge of all public buildings which are not by some statute expressly placed in charge of other departments.”

“Formerly the Common Council had control of public buildings belonging to the City, and the Supervisors had control of public buildings belonging to the County. As above stated, the Charters of 1870 and 1873, transferred the care of City buildings to the Department of Public Works, and after the passage of the act consolidating the City and County, in 1874, the care of what were formerly known as County buildings also passed to that department. I do not think it is in the power, therefore, of the Common Council to adopt a resolution which shall deprive the Commissioner of Public Works of the power to appoint janitors to have the general charge and control of the buildings and rooms in which the Police and District Courts are held.”

In accordance with the duty, thus clearly defined, this department will continue to employ janitors necessary for the care of the buildings and rooms occupied by the Civil and Police Courts, and whatever provision for the payment of the

services of such janitors may be made in the annual estimates should be made to and for the Department of Public Works.

In view of these facts and of the additional demands on the appropriation above mentioned, no reduction should be made on the Departmental Estimate.

SUPPLYING WATER TO SHIPPING AND FOR BUILDING PURPOSES.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$12,000
Provisional Estimate.....	8,000

The amount received by the City from this source under the contract or license which expired June 4, 1877, was \$57,800 per annum. Since that time, the duty of supplying water to shipping and for building purposes, and collecting the revenue therefrom, has been performed by clerks and inspectors employed by the Department.

During the first year of this new arrangement, the revenue was increased by \$53,104, or more than 90 per cent. What is of far greater importance to the City, however, under the present condition of the water supply, the immense waste of water along the river fronts that prevailed under the former system has been in good part suppressed.

I believe that these results can still be improved upon by granting the slight increase asked over the appropriation for this year, thus enabling the Department to employ additional help, and increase the vigilance to suppress waste and collect the full revenue due the City.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Alderman Bryan Reilly appeared and made a statement in relation to the Public Baths, and requested that an additional appropriation be made for a new bath, to be located at the Battery.

Alderman Sauer made a statement in relation to the appointment of janitors for the Police and Civil Courts, and called the attention of the Board to the ordinance of the Common Council, delegating the power of appointment of said janitors to the justices of the several courts ; also to a decision of the General Term of the Supreme Court.

Commissioner CAMPBELL made a statement in reply, that the law required the Commissioner of Public Works to make the said appointments, and called the attention of the Board to the opinions of the late Corporation Counsel, E. Delafeld Smith, and Corporation Counsel Wm. C. Whitney.

The Board then took up the Estimate for the Department of Public Parks.

Whereupon Commissioner WENMAN made a statement in reference thereto.

The Board took up the Estimate for the Fire Department.

Whereupon Commissioner KING made a statement in relation thereto, and presented the following communication :

MEMORANDUM.

For Headquarters' pay-roll \$47,028.75 was asked, which it is proposed to reduce to \$42,400.

Of the entire amount, \$19,5 0 is fixed by law, as follows :

President and Commissioners...	\$17,500 00
Instructor of Corps of Sappers and Miners.....	2,000 00
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	\$19,500 00
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Besides the Secretary and Bookkeeper, whose salaries are respectively fixed at \$3,000 and \$2,500, there are ten clerical employees on this roll, for whom an aggregate amount of \$13,800 is asked, or an average salary of \$1,380 per annum, which, compared with other branches of the public service, will be found quite low, and the number (10) is not in excess of the number required to properly conduct the business of Headquarters (office of the Board), and office of the Bureau of Chief of Department.

Of the remaining \$8,228.75, \$2,700 is paid for the services of a Medical Officer and Vice-Medical Officer, a compensation which, upon comparison with that paid in other Departments for like services, will be found to be very reasonable, especially if the value of their services be considered.

The final remainder is asked for the following :

1 Messenger	\$800 00
2 Night Watchmen, at \$800	1,600 00
2 Engineers, at \$3 per day	2,190 00
1 Cleaner, at \$1.75 "	638 75
1 Janitress	300 00
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	\$5,528 75
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If requested to suggest any practicable reduction to the number of the employees embraced in the estimate made by the Fire Commissioners, it would be impossible to comply, without interfering with the proper working of the Department, or entailing upon some or all additional labor not justified by the amount of salary received by them.

Before final action is taken by your Honorable Board I request, on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, that due attention be paid to the facts above set forth, and to the fact

that with the exercise of the most rigid economy it became necessary at the close of the current year to request a transfer from another account to this one, which request was readily granted by your Honorable Board, making the total amount of appropriation for this year, \$43,495.38.

For Repair Shops pay-roll \$50,000 was asked, which it is proposed to reduce to \$40,000, the amount of the original appropriation for the current year, to which has been added by transfer by your Honorable Board, \$5,579.78, making a total of \$45,579.78, appropriated for this year. There are at this time 25 steam fire engines in use in the Department, which were purchased and have been in the service since the years 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, and 1869, and ten of these, it is estimated by the Chief of Battalion in charge of Repair Shops, will during the year 1879 require extensive repairs and new boilers. The aggregate cost of these repairs will amount to about \$9,000 alone. The entire number of steam engines in use by the Department is 57, of which nearly half have been in service ten years or more, and it is to be expected, as it is also a matter of experience and capable of demonstration, with each additional year of service they require greater and more frequent repairs. The statement holds good of the hook and ladder trucks, tenders, harness, etc., etc., and your Honorable Board is earnestly requested to look well into the facts submitted before finally deciding upon a matter of so much importance to the fire service of the City.

For the pay-roll of the Bureau of Combustibles the sum of \$12,753.75 was asked, and from that your Honorable Board proposes a reduction of \$553.75. The estimate made by this Board, in detail, is as follows :

Inspector.....	\$2,500 00
Surveyor.....	1,200 00
Assistant Surveyor.....	1,200 00

Oil Surveyor.....	\$1,300 00
Chief Clerk.....	1,500 00
One Clerk.....	1,250 00
One Clerk.....	1,200 00
Two Oil Collectors, at \$800.....	1,600 00
Janitor, at \$2.75 per day.....	1,003 75
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	\$12,753 75
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The salaries paid under this estimate are not high, the duties are important, and cannot be performed by a less number of employees. It is true that the amount of the provisional estimate by your Honorable Board for the coming year, is the same in amount as the final estimate for the present year, \$12,200, but after the exercise of the most rigid economy, the Commissioners were compelled to ask for a transfer of \$551, making a total appropriation of \$12,751, for salaries of this Bureau for the current year, a difference of only \$2.75 between it and the amount asked for the year 1879.

For the salaries of the Fire Marshal' Bureau, \$8,400 was asked for the coming year, distributed as follows :

Fire Marshal	\$2,500 00
Assistant Fire Marshal.....	1,500 00
“ “	800 00
Three Clerks, at \$1,200.....	3,600 00
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	\$8,400 00
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The Commissioners desire to invite the attention of the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment to the important duties devolving upon this Bureau, to the salaries proposed to be paid (which will not suffer by comparison with those paid in any branch of the City Government, or with those paid for like duties in either private or public services), and to

the fact that for this Bureau also it was found necessary to ask for a transfer of \$758.33 for the current year, which was voted by your Honorable Board, thus making the total amount for the year \$7,958.33, or only \$441.67 less than that asked for the year 1879, the difference being accounted for by the fact that for a few months of the current year a vacancy existed in one of the positions in the Bureau. In view of these facts the Commissioners request that the amount of their estimate be allowed.

For new apparatus, etc., which includes every thing but salaries and new buildings, \$200,000 was asked, and but \$170,000 allowed in the Provisional Estimate, being \$5,000 less than the appropriation for 1878 ; \$15,000 less than that of 1877 ; \$30,000 than that for 1876.

Two most important items of expenditure are defrayed from this appropriation, viz. : new engines, trucks, etc., and new hose. It was impossible to purchase any new hose out of the amount appropriated for this year, and during the year 1879 a large expenditure for the item of new engines will be imperative if the Department is to be maintained at its present standard.

The following detailed statement of the purposes of the \$200,000 appropriation asked for, will, it is thought, if again examined by the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the light of the facts above given, induce a favorable reconsideration of the matter :

Apparatus (including engines, trucks, ladders, hooks, etc.),.....	\$25,000 00
Repairs to Buildings.....	25,000 00
Fuel.....	20,000 00
Gas.....	8,000 00
General Supplies.....	15,000 00
Horses (50 horses).....	15,000 00

Horse Feed and straw (225 horses at \$111.11 per annum, \$9.26 per month	25,000 00
Horseshoeing.....	8,000 00
Harness Shop Supplies.....	3,500 00
Hose and Hose Shop Supplies....	20,000 00
Machine and Paint Shop Supplies.....	13,500 00
Rents.....	9,000 00
Telegraph Supplies and Repairs, etc.....	13,000 00
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	<u>\$200,000 00</u>

Of these several items the following may be regarded as absolutely fixed, there being no fluctuation in the prices of the articles, etc., to be furnished :

Gas.....	\$7,000 00
Horseshoeing.....	8,000 00
Rents.....	9,000 00
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	<u>\$24,000 00</u>

Of the remainder the following are indispensable items, subject to little or no fluctuations in prices :

Horses, 50 at \$300 each.....	\$15,000 00
Harness Shop Supplies....	3,500 00
Hose and Hose Shop Supplies.....	20,000 00
Machine and Paint Shop Supplies....	13,500 00
Telegraph Supplies and Repairs.....	13,000 00
General Supplies.....	15,000 00
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	<u>\$84,000 00</u>

The following articles are subject to considerable fluctuations, and the estimates in view of that fact are reasonable :

Fuel (Coal).....	\$20,000 00
Horse Feed and Straw.....	25,000 00
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	\$45,000 00
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The amount asked for apparatus (engines, trucks, etc.,) is not too high considering the fact that four new engines will be required at say \$5,000 each.....		\$20,000 00
Besides new trucks, ladders, hooks, etc.....		5,000 00
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		\$25,000 00
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There remains finally of this appropriation the amount asked for repairs to buildings, \$25,000. There are in the possession of and use by the Department 87 houses and bell-towers to be kept in order and many of them requiring extensive repairs, which would allow an average expenditure upon each house of \$297, deducting three which it is found necessary to rebuild, for which an additional appropriation \$30,000 is asked, namely, the following :

437 East Houston Street, occupied by Engine Co. No. 11.

91 Ludlow Street, occupied by Engine Co. No. 17.

604 East Eleventh Street, occupied by Engine Co. No. 28.

The first of these is now occupied by a company using a self-propelling engine ; the house was built in 1851 for use of a volunteer company, is now in a delapidated condition, foundation walls insecure, and unfit generally for use by a self-propeller company.

The second, originally built for a company in the Volunteer Department, is rendered unsafe ; first, by a large tenement house built on one side settling it toward that side, then the erection of another tenement house on the other side, settling

it to that side, and generally unsettling the entire structure, and rendering it unfit for use and occupancy. During the last summer, on report of the Chief of Department, that it required immediate attention by reason of its insecurity, the repairs urgently required were made as a temporary expedient.

The last, originally badly built for the Volunteer Department, has been twisted out of shape by the building of an adjoining structure to such an extent as to render it unsafe, and the foundations are too slight to build on, being built on made ground.

Each and all of them are in such a condition that to repair them only would be a waste of money, and consequently the reverse of economy.

Addenda to Memorandum.

The item of "General Supplies," \$15,000, under the head of "New Apparatus, &c.," in the Departmental Estimate for the year 1879, is for the purchase of the articles below enumerated, which are partly, and so far as practicable, procured on advertisement and contracts at the beginning of the year, and the remainder by purchase during the year, the latter being such articles which the want of can either not be foreseen at the beginning of the year, or which experience has taught it better to defer the purchase of until they are actually wanted for use. These supplies are for use in the 87 houses in the possession of the Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, }
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET, }
NEW YORK, April 20, 1878.

Sealed proposals for furnishing this Department with the following named materials, supplies, &c., in the quantities

specified, will be received at these Headquarters until 9:30 A. M., on Wednesday, the 8th proximo, when they will be publicly opened and read:

No.	56.	3,000 lbs.	brown soap.....	at	per lb.
"	57.	1,000 "	castile soap.....	at	"
"	58.	2,000 "	burnt and ground rotten stone... ..	at	"
"	59.	100 "	Florida sponges....	at	"
"	60.	6,000 "	cotton waste (prime cop)...	at	"
"	61.	12 bbls.	lubricating oil.....	at	per gall.
"	62.	12 "	kerosene oil, fire test.	at	"
"	63.	5 "	polishing oil.....	at	"
"	64.	50 galls.	neats foot oil.....	at	"
"	65.	4 doz.	shovels.....	at	per doz.
"	66.	6 "	stove shovels.....	at	"
"	67.	4 "	scoop shovels.....	at	"
"	68.	1 "	hay forks.....	at	"
"	69.	1 "	manure forks.....	at	"
"	70.	12 "	curry combs.....	at	"
"	71.	120 "	corn brooms.....	at	"
"	72.	10 "	stable brooms.....	at	"
"	73.	40 "	whisk brooms.....	at	"
"	74.	8 "	dust brushes.....	at	"
"	75.	8 "	horse brushes.....	at	"
"	76.	8 "	scrub brushes.....	at	"
"	77.	3 "	window brushes.....	at	"
"	78.	3 "	stove brushes.....	at	"
"	79.	4 "	shoe brushes.....	at	"
"	80.	3 "	white-wash brushes.....	at	"
"	81.	20 "	feather dusters... ..	at	"
"	82.	8 "	mop sticks.....	at	"
"	83.	40 "	mop yarns.....	at	"
"	84.	10 "	door mats.....	at	"

No. 85.	6 doz. coal hods.....	at	per doz.
" 86.	8 " oak buckets.....	at	"
" 87.	4 " 1 gall. cans.....	at	"
" 88.	6 " drinking cups.....	at	"
" 89.	2 " 2 bushel baskets.....	at	"
" 90.	75 gross matches.....	at	per gross.
" 91.	12 doz. lamp wicks.....	at	per doz.
" 92.	2 " small hatchets.....	at	"
" 93.	8 " whips.....	at	"
" 94.	8 kips chamois.....	at	per kip.
" 95.	30 sacks Liverpool salt.....	at	per sack.
" 96.	250 quires emery cloth (assorted).....	at	per quire
" 97.	2,000 yards toweling.....	at	per yard.
" 304.	2 gross $\frac{1}{2}$ x 7-in. wood screws.....	at	per gross
" 305.	2 " $\frac{3}{8}$ x $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. wood screws.....	at	"
" 306.	2 " $\frac{3}{8}$ x 3-in. wood screws.....	at	"
" 307.	2 " $\frac{1}{2}$ x $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. wood screws.....	at	"
" 308.	8 " $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3-in. wood screws.....	at	"
" 309.	2 " $\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{3}{4}$ -in. wood screws.....	at	"
" 310.	2 " $\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. wood screws.....	at	"
" 311.	2 " $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2-in. wood screws.....	at	"
" 312.	1 keg roofing nails, tinned.....	at	per keg.
" 313.	1 " roofing nails, black.....	at	"
" 314.	6 " 5d. nails.....	at	"
" 315.	6 " 8d. nails.....	at	"
" 316.	20 " 10d. nails.....	at	"
" 317.	6 " 20d. nails.....	at	"
" 318.	12 pkgs. $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch finishing nails.....	at	per pkge.
" 319.	12 " $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch finishing nails.....	at	"
" 320.	12 " 1-inch finishing nails.....	at	"
" 321.	12 " $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch finishing nails.....	at	"
" 322.	12 " 2-inch finishing nails.....	at	"
" 323.	8 " $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch clout nails.....	at	"

No. 324.	8 pkgs. $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch clout nails.....at	per pkge.
" 325.	8 " 1-inch clout nails.....at	"
" 326.	8 " $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch clout nails.....at	"
" 327.	8 " $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch clout nails.....at	"
" 328.	10 lbs. $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch brad nails.....at	per lb.
" 329.	24 papers japanned head tacks (as- sorted sizes).....at	per paper
" 330.	6 papers 8-ounce tacks.....at	"
" 331.	6 " 10-ounce tacks.....at	"
" 332.	6 " 12-ounce tacks.....at	"
" 333.	8 dozen axes and helvcs (7 lbs.).. at	per doz.
" 404.	12 boxes 14 x 20 XX charcoal I C tin.....at	per box.
" 405.	13 boxes 10 x 14 X charcoal I C tin.at	"
" 406.	24 sheets 14-ounce copper (tin'd 14 inch wide, 4 feet long.... at	per sheet
" 407.	150 lbs. No. 1 solder. at	per lb.
" 408.	50 " No. 12 brass wire.....at	"
" 409.	25 " No. 5 iron wire.....at	"
" 410.	4,000 " pure white lead, free from barytes, zinc, and other adulterations.....at	"
" 501.	30 " light oak graining color....at	"
" 502.	30 " walnut graining color.....at	"
" 503.	200 " putty.....at	"
" 504.	600 " metallic roof paint.....at	"
" 505.	75 " patent dryers.....at	"
" 506.	50 " potash.....at	"
" 507.	25 " dry white lead.....at	"
" 512.	4 bbls. boiled oil.....at	per gall.
" 513.	5 " turpentine.....at	"
" 533.	1 dozen sash tools.....at	per doz.
" 534.	4 bbls. Paris white.....at	"
" 493.	200 lbs. white zinc .....at	per lb.

No proposals will be received or considered after the hour named.

Proposals may be made for one or more of the above items, but must specify the price per piece, dozen, gross, pound, etc., as per schedule, which will be furnished on application.

All of the articles and materials (where not otherwise specially stated) are to be of the best quality of their respective kinds, according to samples or specifications to be seen upon application, as follows : For all the items under the heading, "Fire Alarm Telegraph," at the Battery Room of the Department; and for the items under "Supply Room," at the Store Room of the Department, both at these Headquarters, and for all the items under "Repair Shops," at Nos. 130 and 132 West Third street. All the articles and materials are to be delivered at the places corresponding to the headings, during the current year, and in such quantities and at such times as may be directed.

Two responsible sureties will be required upon each proposal, amounting in the aggregate to one thousand dollars or more, who must each justify in one-half the amount thereof, upon the same prior to its presentation.

Proposals must be endorsed, "Proposal for furnishing materials, supplies, etc.," with the name of the bidder, and be addressed to the Board of Commissioners of this Department.

Blanks, forms of proposals, together with such further information as may be required, may be obtained upon application at these Headquarters, where the prescribed form of contract may also be seen.

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any

or all proposals received, or any part of such proposals, if deemed to be for the interests of the City.

VINCENT C. KING,
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
JOHN J. GORMAN,

Commissioners.

New wagons.	Carpets.
Repairs to wagons.	Matting.
Iron bedsteads.	Linoleum.
Repairs to hay cutters.	Boiler supplies, Headquarters.
Bi car. soda, vitriol, etc., for fire extinguishers.	Flags and repairs to flags.
	Medical Officer's supplies.
Coal screens, stove fixtures, etc.	Clocks and repairs to clocks.
Polishing oil.	Soft soap.
Desks, chairs and stools for officers.	Ice.
	Buttons and numbers for uniforms.
Cuspedores and waste baskets.	Repairs to chairs.
Horse blankets, horse sheets.	Oil meal.
Lap robes, buffalo robe and duster.	Gas fixtures and repairs to gas fixtures.
Window shades and fixtures.	

The Board then took up the estimate of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

Whereupon Commissioner Cox made a statement in relation thereto.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication relative thereto:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, }
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, }
NEW YORK, December 11, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:

Sir,—By an act of the Legislature, passed May 14, 1872, this

Department is empowered to purchase lands adjacent to those now owned by the city on Ward's Island, and to fix a price for the same.

The Commissioners feel the need of additional lands for the accommodation of the increasing number of persons coming under the care of the Department, particularly the rapid increase of the cases of lunacy, and believing that a more satisfactory purchase of land on said island can be made at the present time than at any future period, they desire the purchase of this land by the City for the use of this Department, but, hesitating to impose any additional burdens upon the City and County not absolutely necessary, they wish to confer with you and such other parties as may be interested in making the payments before proceeding to make the purchase.

The first and, in their estimation, most important purchase which it is desirable to make is that of the uplands on said Island. After many interviews with persons interested in the property, they find that it can be purchased at an average of about \$250 for each City lot; the number of such lots contained in these uplands is $319\frac{367}{600}$, which, at \$250 per lot, would amount to the sum of \$79,786.70.

The Commissioners are also empowered to purchase the riparian rights (or the lands under water) around Ward's Island, fronting the lands now owned by the City; but deeming this not of as great importance as the acquisition of the uplands they do not urge its purchase at present. They have, however, instituted inquiries to ascertain the minimum price at which a title to said lands can be obtained.

Trusting you will give this matter your early attention,

I remain, yours, very respectfully,

TOWNSEND COX,

President.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, }
 COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, }
 NEW YORK, December 11, 1878.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

Sir,—As an important matter of acquiring additional lands for the purpose of erecting buildings for the accommodation of those persons committed to the care of this Department, the Commissioners would respectfully call your particular attention to Riker's Island, which is situated about one mile northeast of Ward's Island, and on the direct route which the steamers of this Department take to Hart's Island.

The desirability of removing convicts and other prisoners from Blackwell's Island is a subject which has received the attention of the Commissioners, and has elicited an unanimous expression in favor of removing them to some other locality.

Blackwell's Island has now as many buildings and as large a population as it can properly accommodate, and its devotion to charitable institutions to the entire exclusion of the prisons is deemed important and advisable.

Riker's Island contains 73½ acres of upland and 157½ acres of land under water; the upland is rolling and has a great quantity of soil that can be profitably used in filling in and grading the lands under water, which are so situated that they may easily be prepared for filling in by the erection of bulk-heads and receive a large amount of ashes from the City for a long time to come.

The price this whole property can be purchased for is \$500 per acre, which would make a total of \$115,333.33.

Referring this important matter to your consideration,

I remain, yours, very respectfully,

TOWNSEND COX,

President.

Which were referred back to the Comptroller.

1878.

The President of the Department of Public Charities and Correction presented the following statement, showing the per capita cost of supporting the inmates in the institutions under the charge of this Department :

Census.	Institutions.	Per Capita.
699.	Bellevue Hospital.....	\$43.24
8.	Emergency Hospital.....	59.
17.	Ninety-ninth Street Hospital.....	72.7.
1,013.	Charity Hospital.....	29.7.5
640.	Homœopathic Hospital.....	25.5.
409.	Infants Hospital.....	22.
637.	Randall's Island Hospital.....	23.
297.	Hart's Island Hospital.....	21.
1,311.	New York City Lunatic Asylum.....	20.9.
926.	New York City Asylum for Insane.....	31.3.5
1,162.	Alms-house.....	11.1.1
109.	Incurable Hospital.....	15.
91.	Blind Asylum.....	11.5
514.	City Prisons.....	31.2.4
1,023.	Penitentiary.....	29.
837.	Work-house.....	18.0.4
198.	Branch Work house.....	27.
92.	Branch Lunatic Asylum.....	20.1.

H. N. Beers, Esq., appeared and asked the Board to grant a hearing in relation to the estimates for 1879, to the Council of Reform, on Wednesday next.

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to the calls of meetings, be suspended in order to order to act upon the issue of "Assessment Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York."

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of Section 112 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest, not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and for such period, conformable to law, as he may determine, "Assessment Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," authorized by Chapter 397, Laws of 1852, and Chapter 580, Laws of 1872, to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, }
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE, }
NEW YORK, December 13, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Sir,—The Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections respectfully make application for the transfer, from unexpended balances of appropriations, to this Department, for the year 1878, as follows :

From Furniture and Salaries—

Second District, to Repairs, etc....	\$1,000 00	
“ to Supply Account	2,000 00	
		————— \$3,000 00

From Out-door Poor—

To Supply Account.....	\$3,750 00	
To Water-closet Towers.....	250 00	
		————— \$4,000 00

By order

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of seven thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the following appropriations, made to the Department of Public Charities and Correction for the year 1878, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

“ For Furniture and Salaries for new Second District Prison”.....	\$3,000 00
“ For Supplies—including \$40,000 for Support of Out-door Poor, etc”.....	4,000 00
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Total.....	<u><u>\$7,000 00</u></u>

—to the following appropriations made to said Department for the year 1878, which are insufficient, viz :

“ For Repairs and Alterations to Buildings and Apparatus”... ..	\$1,000 00
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"For Extension to Bellevue Hospital for new Water-closets"	250 00
" For Supplies," etc.....	5,750 00
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Total.....	\$7,000 00
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the
same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made
for "Salaries—Judiciary," for the year 1877, which is in
excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects
thereof, to the appropriation for "Salaries—Judiciary the
Supreme Court, Compensation of Judges from other Dis-
tricts," for the year 1878, which is insufficient.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and
the President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet to-morrow (December 17), at 12 o'clock M.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1878—12 o'clock M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—The following members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 16, 1878, were read and approved.

The Board proceeded to take up the estimate for 1879, for the charitable institutions.

Whereupon H. L. Hoguet, Esq., appeared and made a statement in behalf of the Catholic Protectory.

Mr. L. M. Bates made a statement in relation to the New York Infant Asylum, and presented the following communication :

OFFICE OF L. M. BATES & COMPANY, }
451 AND 453 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, December 17, 1878. }

To the Honorable Board of Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—The New York Infant Asylum, 28th August last, sent your Board an estimate wanted for 1879, amounting to \$51,101, thinking the amount as low as demands for the year.

You set apart \$34,912.44, same as for year 1878, which has not been sufficient to cover our monthly bills. There will be a deficiency at the end of this year of more than \$8,000, making the actual monthly bills for the year \$43,000.

We cannot possibly get along with less than 43,000 for 1879, and ask you to set apart at least that amount.

Truly yours,

L. M. BATES,
Treasurer.

Superintendent William Porter made a statement in relation to the New York Institution for the Blind.

Myer Sterne, Esq., appeared in behalf of the Hebrew Benevolent Society.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet on Wednesday, December 18, 1878, at 12 o'clock, M.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1878—12 o'clock M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, December 19, 1878. }

In pursuance of the authority contained in 112th Section of Chapter 335, being an Act entitled "An Act to reorganize the Local Government of the City of New York," passed April 20, 1873; and Section 1 of Chapter 779, being an Act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14, 1873; and Chapter 304, being an Act entitled "An Act to consolidate the Government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874; and Chapter 303, being an Act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the Government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874; and Chapter 308, being an Act entitled "An Act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the Government of the City of New York," passed May 1,

1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, December 20, 1878, at 12 o'clock *m.*, for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated December 19, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
December 19, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, December 20, 1878, at 12 o'clock *m.*, for the purpose of transacting any business that may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

INDORSED.

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 19th day of December, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

JOHN WHEELER,
*President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.*

Present—The following members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 17th, 1878, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented :

NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE
INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB, }
NEW YORK, December 18, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—In answer to a printed circular, I mailed to the Comptroller August 31, 1878, an estimate for the support of pupils in this Institution from the City and County of New York for the ensuing year, placing the amount at \$20,000. Since furnishing that estimate there has been a larger increase in the number of pupils than we had reason to expect. From statistics at our command at this date we now estimate that there should be an addition of, at least, \$2,000 to the above amount, making the sum probably required for the ensuing year \$22,000.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM PORTER, M. D.,
Superintendent.

INSTITUTION FOR THE IMPROVED INSTRUCTION OF DEAF MUTES, }
 BROADWAY (WEST SIDE), BETWEEN FORTY-FOURTH
 AND FORTY-FIFTH STREETS, }

NEW YORK, December 20, 1878.

Estimate—September 2d, 1878 :

For support of thirty-five New York County	
pupils	\$10,500 00
For clothing fifteen State pupils.	450 00
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Total.	\$10,950 00
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Present number of County pupils.	35
State pupils to be clothed.	18

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

Messrs. W. H. Webb, O. B. Potter, Willy Wallach, J. M. Requa and H. N. Beers, Committee of the Council of Reform, appeared before the Board.

Whereupon Mr. O. B. Potter presented the following communication :

*To the Honorable Board of Estimate
and Apportionment :*

The Council of Reform beg leave herewith respectfully to submit to your Honorable Board the results of as careful an examination of the estimates made by several of the Departments of the City Government of the expenses of their respective Departments for the year 1879 as the time and opportunities have allowed. For the want of better opportunities, we have been obliged to confine our inquiries to a few Departments.

The amounts we propose as sufficient to conduct these De-

partments have been obtained from a careful inquiry into the nature and amount of the duties to be performed, and the commercial value of the services these duties require. Very much larger reduction of these expenses might be made with advantage to the public service, if certain acts of the Legislature were repealed, which create unnecessary offices and fix excessive salaries.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salary of Superintendent	\$6,500 00	\$6,500 00
“ Deputy Superintendent..	3,000 00	2,000 00
“ Chief Clerk	2,500 00	1,500 00
“ 3 Chiefs of Bureaus,		
\$2,000	6,000 00	unnecessary
“ 1 Plan and 1 Record		
Clerk \$1,800 00		
1,500 00		
—————	3,300 00	one, 1,500 00
“ 1 Examiner of Iron Work,	1,500 00	1,500 00
“ 4 General Clerks, \$1,000..	4,000 00	4,000 00
“ 4 “ \$1,400 00		
1,200 00		
900 00		
—————	3,500 00	unnecessary
“ 4 Messengers, 1 at		
\$1,000 00		
3 at 600 00		
—————	2,800 00	4 at \$500, 2,000 00
“ 2 Messengers, \$800	1,600 00	unnecessary
“ 20 District Inspectors,		
\$1,000	20,000 00	20,000 00
“ 8 General Inspectors,		
\$1,200	9,600 00	unnecessary

" 11 Fire-escape Examiners,		
	4 at \$1,000 00	
	7 at 600 00	
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	8,200 00	unnecessary
Contingencies	2,500 00	2,000 00
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	\$75,000 00	\$41,000 00
Saving		\$34,000 00
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During the last year this Department has received an average of six plans a day for repairing old and constructing new buildings. An average of three complaints from the public in two days, and has sent out an average of 23 blank notices a day. For the record of these plans and complaints, and the issue of these notices, 11 clerks have been employed, and are again asked for. During the year an average of 900 buildings have been in process of erection or repair.

For the supervision of these buildings, and the general inspection of unsafe buildings, 40 inspectors have been employed, and are again asked for. Three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the buildings in the process of erection and repair are in the four contiguous upper wards of the City, and have not received and do not require more inspection than two men can give.

A large part of the buildings erected and altered in other parts of the City are costly residences, offices, buildings or warehouses, whose plans are far above any requirements of the Building Law, and which demand and have received no supervision from this office.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salaries of four Commissioners,	\$26,000 00	\$26,000 00
Clerks, etc., in Headquarters. . .	74,000 00	54,960 00

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Police Force.....	\$3,142,550 00	\$2,643,000 00
Repairs of Station-houses and Steamboat.....	25,000 00	20,000 00
Supplies for Police	84,830 00	65,000 00
Street Cleaning.....	754,231 00	600,000 00
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	\$4,106,611 00	\$3,408,960 00
Special appropriation for Street Cleaning.....	72,000 00	Nothing.
The same for building Station- houses.....	175,000 00	70,000 00
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	\$4,353,611 00	\$3,478,960 00
Saving.....		<u>\$874,651 00</u>

The principal reduction made in the amount asked for is the 20 per cent. which the Law of 1866, chapter 861 requires should be taken from the salaries of certain officers of this Department when the currency of the United States should reach the par value of gold.

The following opinion of the Law Committee of this Council in regard to the present force and operation of this law is herewith submitted:

NEW YORK, December 18, 1878.

WILLIAM H. WEBB, Esq.,

President of the Council of Reform:

Sir,—We have examined the laws of the State relating to the question submitted to us by the Council of Reform, whether the provision contained in the Laws of 1866, chapter 861, relating to the compensation of the Police Force of this City, viz.: "That whenever the currency of the United States shall attain a par value in gold, the foregoing salaries as fixed

by this act shall be reduced 20 per cent.," is still in force, and we are of the opinion that such provision is in force by reason of the various provisions in the Charter of 1870, and in chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, and the supplementary act known as chapter 755 of the Laws of 1873.

HENRY DAY,
THEODORE W. DWIGHT,

I have given to this question all the consideration possible within the limited time allowed me. I am unable to see, as at present advised, any escape from the conclusion at which Mr. Dwight and Mr. Day have arrived.

December 19, 1878.

JAMES EMOTT.

I concur in the foregoing opinion.

EDWARD FITCH.

We have fixed the estimate for street cleaning at the bid made by a responsible party under stringent conditions in proposals made by this Department, during the last year, to do this work by contract, and which we believe to be sufficient.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

	Proposed.
Salaries for the Maintenance of Parks and Museums, <i>excluding all expenses for mere construction work</i>	\$31,800 00
Salaries for Maintaining and Surveying Twenty-third and Twenty-four Wards.....	20,450 00
Salaries of Police, including 12 Policemen on City Parks, to be supplied by City Police.....	66,245 00

	Proposed.
Salaries of laboring force required for maintenance	\$73,786 00
Supplies, including Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	57,600 00
Repairing and flagging walks in City Parks.....	50,000 00
Flagging walks in Manhattan Square.....	25,000 00
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Asked for.....	\$667,920 00 \$324,881 00
Saving.....	343,039 00
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The chief item of saving in this calculation is the exclusion of all expenses for construction work.

We had the honor of submitting to your Board last year the written statements of Ex-Commissioners Philip Bissenger, Henry G. Stebbins, and D. B. Williamson, Esqrs., that the mere maintenance of the Parks of this City should not cost more than \$250,000 a year, to which we beg leave to refer your Honorable Board.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salary of President.....	\$7,500 00	\$7,500 00
“ Two Commissioners, \$5,000	10,000 00	10,000 00
“ Secretary and Book- keeper	3,000 00	2,500 00
“ Assistant Secretary and Bookkeeper..	1,600 00	Nothing.
“ Medical Officer.....	1,500 00	1,000 00

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salary of Vice-Medical Officer.	\$1,200 00	Nothing.
" Bookkeeper.....	2,500 00	"
" Clerk.....	1,800 00	\$1,500 00
" Six Clerks.....	7,600 00 { 3 clerks, at \$1,200. }	3,600 00
" Supply Clerk.....	1,500 00	1,500 00
" Property Rec'd Clerk	1,300 00	Nothing.
" Messenger	800 00	600 00
" Two Night Watch- men, \$800	1,600 00	Nothing.
" Two Engineers, \$3 per day.....	2,190 00	1,400 00
" Cleaner	638 00	Nothing.
" Janitress....	300 00	300 00
" Instructor of Sap- pers and Miners..	2,000 00, to be given by Eng'nr.	
	<u>\$47,028 00</u>	<u>\$29,900 00</u>

Telegraph Force.

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salary of Superintendent....	\$2,500 00	\$2,000 00
" Chief Operator	1,680 00	1,500 00
" Seven Operators ...	8,940 00 { at \$1,000. }	5,000 00
" Battery Man	1,000 00	800 00
" Assistant Battery Man	800 00	Nothing.
" Six Line Men, \$800,	4,800 00 { at \$800 }	2,400 00
" Ten Tower Watch- men	8,000 00	
	<u>\$27,720 00</u>	<u>\$11,700 00</u>

Bureau of Combustibles.

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salary of Inspector... ..	\$2,500 00	Nothing.
“ Surveyor and In-		
specter.....	1,200 00	\$1,200 00
“ Assistant Surveyor.	1,200 00	Nothing.
“ Oil “	1,300 00	1,200 00
“ Chief Clerk.....	1,500 00	1,500 00
“ Clerk	1,250 00	Nothing.
“ “	1,200 00	1,200 00
“ Two Oil Collectors,		
\$800....	1,600 00	1,400 00
“ Janitor, \$2.75 per		
day	1,003 00	Nothing.
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	\$12,753 00	\$6,500 00
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Bureau of Fire Marshal.

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salary of Marshal.....	\$2,500 00	\$2,500 00
“ Assistant Marshal..	1,500 00	1,500 00
“ “ “ ..	800 00	800 00
“ Three Clerks, \$1,200	3,600 00 { at \$1,200. }	2,400 00
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	\$8,400 00	\$7,200 00
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	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salary of Superintendent of		
Horses	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00
“ Foreman.....	1,200 00	1,200 00
“ Three Stablemen	2,190 00	2,190 00
“ Four Drivers...	2,600 00	Nothing.
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	\$7,490 00	\$4,890 00
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	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salary of Chief of Department	\$4,700 00	\$4,000 00
“ Assistant Chief “	3,000 00	2,500 00
“ Ten Chiefs of Battal- ions	25,000 00 { \$1,200 each. }	18,000 00
	<u>\$32,700 00</u>	<u>\$24,500 00</u>

	<i>Repair Shop.</i> Asked for.	Proposed.
Salary of Inspector of Repairs to Buildings	\$2,000 00	\$2,000 00
“ Foreman Repairs to Buildings	1,500 00	1,200 00
“ Storekeeper	1,500 00	Nothing
“ Clerk	1,250 00	“
“ “	1,200 00	1,200 00
“ Messenger	300 00	Nothing.
“ Shop Engineer	925 00	925 00
“ Ten Mechanics, at \$3	9,150 00	6=5,490 00
“ Helper	480 00	480 00
“ Coppersmith	850 00	850 00
“ Two Boilermakers ..	1,700 00	1,700 00
“ Six Blacksmiths	5,100 00	3=2,500 00
“ One Wheelwright ..	1,240 00	1,000 00
“ Three Helpers	2,550 00	2=1,600 00
“ Three Painters	2,775 00	1= 900 00
“ Two “	1,550 00	1= 700 00
“ One Collar-maker ..	850 00	Nothing.
“ Four Harness-mak- ers	3,790 00	3=2,900 00
“ Hose Repairer	925 00	900 00
“ Two Night Watch- men	1,825 00	1,825 00

	Asked for.	Proposed.
" Two Day Watchmen	1,825 00	Nothing.
" Four Laborers, at \$1.60.....	2,100 00	2=1,000 00
" One Tinsmith	850 00	850 00
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	\$50,000 00	\$28,020 00
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Saving		\$21,980 00

Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies.

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salaries of 65 Foremen, at \$1,500	\$97,500 00 less 20 %	\$78,000 00
" 57 Ass't Foremen, \$1,300	74,100 00	" \$59,280 00
" 44 Engineers Steam- ers, \$1,300.....	57,200 00	" 45,760 00
" 43 Ass't Engineers Steamers, \$1,250.	53,750 00	" 43,000 00
" 449 Firemen, \$1,200 .	538,800 00	" 431,040 00
" 68 Privates, \$800 ...	54,400 00	" 43,520 00
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	\$875,750 09	\$700,600 00
For Apparatus, Supplies, &c.	200,000 00	150,000 00
Rebuilding three engine- houses.....	30,000 00	10,000 00
<i>Recapitulation.</i>		
Chief of Department	\$32,700 00	24,500 00
Superintendent of Horses...	7,490 00	4,890 00
Fire Marshal.....	8,400 00	7,200 00
Combustibles	12,753 75	6,500 00

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Repair Shop	\$50,000 00	\$28,020 00
Telegraph Force	27,720 00	11,700 00
Headquarters	47,028 75	29,900 00
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	\$1,291,842 50	\$983,300 00
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Saving		\$310,032 00
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The principal reduction made in this Department is twenty per cent. of the salaries of employees, to correspond with the same reduction of the salaries of the Police Force. The salaries in this Department we understand were increased at the same rate, at about the same time, and for the same reasons with those in the Police Department, and we see no reason why they should not be correspondingly reduced.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We have re-examined the estimates and the reasons for the same which this Council had the honor to present to your Board the last year, of the amount of money we consider necessary to meet the expenses of the Board of Education, and are more than ever convinced of the correctness of this estimate and the soundness of the principles upon which it was made. We repeat substantially the same estimate, only adding the expenses of a possible increase of pupils for the coming year, with the reasons therefor, and believe that the free-school system and the public good of this City would be advanced by a strict adherence to the policy and line of economy here indicated.

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salaries of Teachers in Primary and Grammar Schools	\$2,300,000 00	\$1,700,000 00
Salaries of Janitors in Grammar and Primary Schools	105,000 00	100,000 00

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salaries of Professors and Teachers in Normal College	\$87,000 00	\$75,000 00
Salaries of Teachers in Colored Schools	36,500 00	30,000 00
Salaries of Teachers and Janitors in Evening Schools.	95,000 00	85,000 00
Salaries of Superintendents, Clerks, etc.	72,000 00	70,000 00
Books, Maps, etc.	150,000 00	140,000 00
Fuel.	70,000 00	50,000 00
Gas.	16,000 00	10,000 00
Rent for School Premises.	40,000 00	40,000 00
Pianos and Repairs	2,000 00	2,000 00
Workshop Wages and Materials.	3,000 00	2,000 00
Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools	55,000 00	40,000 00
Incidental Expenses of Norman College.	3,500 00	3,000 00
Incidental Expenses of Evening Schools	1,000 00	1,000 00
Incidental Expenses of Colored Schools.	2,000 00	2,000 00
Incidental Expenses of Hall, Board of Education, etc.	20,000 00	15,000 00
Enforcement of Compulsory Education.	13,000 00	13,000 00
Nautical School.	30,000 00	30,000 00
New Buildings, etc.	373,000 00	300,000 00
Corporate Schools, fixed by law. .	110,000 00	110,000 00
	<u>\$3,584,000 00</u>	<u>\$2,818,000 00</u>
Saving		<u><u>\$766,000 00</u></u>

This estimate of the amount required for this Department for 1879 limits it to \$2,818,000, instead of \$3,584,000, the amount asked for, and proposes lessening the burdens of the City during the current year by \$766,000. It has been made in consultation with those believed to be among the best and truest friends of public education in this City, and is based to some extent on a comparison of the amount now asked for with the amount spent for public school purposes under the system which preceded the present Board. The Board of Education created in 1873 was devised avowedly for the purpose, among other important ends, of preventing the waste and extravagance of the former Department of Public Instruction. The year 1872, the last year of that Department, was a time memorable for extravagance and reckless expenditures of money, public and private. Inflated prices in everything prevailed. The value of purchasing power of money was much less, and the cost of living and supplies was fully 30 per cent greater than now. The cost of supplies for the schools was then fully one-third more than now. The very important item of fuel was twice its present price. In that year also the Department, yielding to the general demand for higher salaries, incident to the time, added by their vote 20 per cent., in the aggregate \$181,600, to the teachers' salaries of the previous year. The expenditures of the Department during that year, including this addition to teachers' salaries, reached the enormous sum of \$2,830,000, and the Department was done away.

Notwithstanding the unprecedented decline in prices of all property, real and personal, in the cost of living, and of all supplies, and the corresponding decline in salaries which everywhere prevails in private business throughout the City, the Board of Education continue the advance in salaries to teachers voted in 1872, and now, in a time of unparalleled distress and embarrassment, when business and incomes are reduced fifty

per cent., and the income from productive real estate is scarcely more than sufficient to pay the taxes and interest upon the mortgages upon it, \$3,584,000 are asked to be drawn by taxation from this community for the public schools in 1879, an amount \$750,000 greater than was expended in 1872. According to the Report of the Department, it costs the City \$26.31 for each pupil at the average attendance in 1872. This cost should now be reduced at least thirty per cent., to correspond with the reduced cost of supplies and the cost of living. If, however, but twenty per cent. be deducted, the cost for each pupil would then be \$21.05. At this rate, allowing the average attendance for 1879 to be 125,000, instead of 122,518, as in 1877, the amount required for the public schools in 1879 would be \$2,631,250, or \$186,750 less than the estimate which we submit.

In our judgment, if equal or no greater economy be practiced in the expenditures of the Department during 1879, than was practiced under the old system, in 1872, the cost of instruction for each pupil should not exceed \$21.05, or 20 per cent. less than the cost in 1872.

If, however, the entire sum asked be appropriated and expended then upon the average attendance of 125,000, the cost will be \$31.50 for each pupil, or 20 per cent. higher than the cost during the inflation and extravagance of 1872.

The present increased cost of public instruction is due, largely, 1st, to the continuance of the inflated salaries voted in 1872; and 2d, to the increase in the numbers of teachers of the higher grades. The salaries of the Vice-Principals alone amounted the last year to \$245,864; nearly the whole of which, it is believed, may be saved without injury to the schools. The salaries of the Principals of the schools and the Professors and Assistants of the Normal College amount to \$757,600,

which is nearly one-third of the whole sum paid to the 3,287 teachers.

These suggestions are submitted in no feeling of hostility to the present system of public education, but in the earnest desire to render this system, by making it economical and just, permanently and progressively beneficial, to the highest extent practicable, consistently with the prosperity and progress of our City, and within the just limits of the claims of the citizen and the obligations of the State.

The usefulness and efficiency of these schools must not be impaired, but should be promoted and increased. By them that measure of free public instruction should be given equally to all the children and youth of this City, that will enable them to understand and discharge in return those duties which the Republic may rightfully claim of all its citizens. This instruction should be so provided that all, rich and poor alike, may enjoy it. It should include all that the security of the State requires, but should not include ornamental learning, professional training and collegiate education, nor special preparation for such education. For the expenses of this measure of public education taxation may be justly enforced upon all. Beyond this it cannot be done within the just powers of the State. Persistent attempts to compel more will imperil the whole public school system. Your committee are convinced, from their inquiries in this Department, that by the consolidation of some schools, but partially filled—reducing the number of teachers, particularly the Principals; reducing the wages of Principals and teachers, as all other wages are reduced, and no more; requiring that all grades of teachers shall exemplify and enforce industry, economy and order, relieving the curriculum of such studies as the public school instruction does not call for, and replacing them by others that it does (such, for example, as the history, structure, func-

tions and economy of our Government); removing all limits to the area of attendance on the schools, except the capacity of the school buildings, and giving to the Board of Commissioners the exclusive right to appoint and remove teachers—by these means the usefulness of the public schools would be increased, and their expenses be substantially diminished.

They are the real friends of the public schools in this City who, by enforcing wise and just economy in connection with efficient and thorough instruction, shall make them at once instruments of the greatest good to the rising generation, and prevent them from becoming burdens, "grievous to be borne" to this overtaxed community.

Those who shall inaugurate and perform this work will earn and receive, in unstinted and increasing measure, the lasting gratitude of their fellow-citizens.

RECAPITULATION.

Saving in Department of Buildings.. . . .	\$34,000 00
“ Police Department.....	874,651 00
“ Department of Parks	343,039 00
“ Fire Department	310,032 00
“ Board of Education.....	766,000 00

Total saving in these Departments.\$2,327,722 00

Similar reductions might be made in most of the other departments with advantage to their efficiency, but the Council is not now prepared to name the definite amount.

In submitting these recommendations in behalf of the council of citizens whom we represent we cannot omit to express the gratification and encouragement with which the council, in common with all good citizens, watchful of public affairs, regards the efforts of this Honorable Board, within the limits of its legitimate authority, in insisting upon and endeavoring to

secure an honest, efficient, economical administration of the City Government. We confidently believe if the course now so auspiciously entered upon and in progress shall be supported and continued with that just legislation in its aid which we may rightfully expect from the State, that the day is not far distant when the City shall become again the centre of activity, progress and prosperity, where taxation shall no longer, as now, press with insupportable weight upon energy, enterprise and capital, while it discourages, degrades and pauperizes labor in idleness, but where capital, enterprise and labor shall all find their best opportunity and highest reward. But the work which remains to be done before this City shall be completely delivered from the consequences of misgovernment in the past, and enjoy the complete results of good government in the future, is no holiday work.

To inaugurate and commence this work has required qualities not always found in high official station, clearness of perception to understand, and indomitable will to accomplish, so far as possible under the law, what the public good requires—firmness to resist the long-continued and fatal habit of running into debt by this community, and equal firmness with courage to insist upon and enter upon retrenchment and payment of this debt. To carry forward this work will call for the continued exercise of the same high qualities by the controlling public officers of this City, and especially by this Board.

We have drifted far, very far, from the causes and the course of our former prosperity, during the past eighteen years. How far one glance may admonish us. The amount paid by the City for salaries in 1860, when the purchasing power of money and the cost of living were substantially as now, was \$3,874,-288. The amount asked for in 1878 is \$10,134,573, an increase

of over 260 per cent., while the increase in population during the same time has been but fifty per cent. That is, the amount to be drawn from the City treasury has increased more than five times faster than our population during this period.

The habit of running in debt has been thoroughly established through many years. The several heads of the departments of the City Government, each more intent upon extending and carrying forward the work of his own department than upon lightening the burdens of the City, or paying its debt; and each believing that retrenchment and economy should be applied elsewhere than in his own department, will press upon you constantly for increased appropriations. The work to be done is beset with difficulties, and will encounter, as it hitherto has, strong opposition; but this community relies confidently upon the intelligence, firmness and patriotic devotion to the public good of the chief officers of the City, and especially upon this Board, on which the law devolves the final responsibility for its accomplishment, firmly believing that whatever legislation may be required to remove the unnecessary and unequal burdens of this City, and restore to her the right of controlling her own expenditures within her own limits, cannot and will not be long denied or delayed.

W. H. WEBB,
O. B. POTTER,
WILLY WALLACH,
J. M. REQUA,
J. W. HAWES,
THOS. F. WENTWORTH,
H. N. BEERS,

Committee of Council of Reform.

Mr. Samuel Whitechurch appeared before the Board and made a statement in behalf of the Central Taxpayers Association.

The following communication was presented :

In the matter of the application to remove WALTER S. PINCKNEY, Justice of the District Court in the City of New York, for the Seventh Judicial District.

To the Board of Apportionment of the City of New York :

The undersigned respectfully represent that they are the counsel retained and representing Judge Walter S. Pinckney, upon the charges preferred against him, and which have been referred by the Supreme Court, General Term, to O. P. Buell, Esq., to take proof, etc.

The case will consume more than a month in taking testimony, and is exceedingly laborious, after which an argument must be prepared and printed, and the case must be argued before a General Term of the Supreme Court ; besides considerable expenses have been and will be incurred by the defense in subpoenaing witnesses, more than fifty in number, and for the stenographer's minutes, which will amount to more than two hundred dollars.

Judge Pinckney has no means, and the undersigned have not received any compensation from him, directly or indirectly, and will not unless your Honorable Board will provide for the same. The labors of the counsel for Judge Pinckney are much more arduous than the Counsel to the Corporation, W. C. Whitney, Esq., who was assigned to prosecute. The undersigned are informed that said Whitney has applied to your Board for \$3,000 in said prosecution, and the undersigned respectfully submit that they are entitled to the same amount. Their services, including disbursements, will be worth, at least, the sum of \$3,000, and your Board should make this allowance to the undersigned upon principle and precedents heretofore made, this being the trial of a public official.

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully pray your Board to make said appropriation to them.

I. WALKER FOWLER,
A. H. REAVEY,
Of Counsel for Hon. Walter S. Pinckney.

Which was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

The SECRETARY presented the following communication :

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
 No. 36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }
 NEW YORK, December 18, 1878. }

HON. JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir,—At a meeting of the Commissioners governing this Department, held this day, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a respectful application be and is hereby made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate and include in the estimates of the Department of Public Parks for the year 1879, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, for the improvement of Manhattan Square.

Resolved, That a copy of the memorial of property-owners requesting this Board to make such application be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

A copy of the memorial is transmitted herewith.

Yours respectfully,

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

To the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :

The undersigned, owners of property situated upon and in the vicinity of Manhattan square, respectfully request that you will transmit to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment a supplemental estimate, with a request to that body to provide for an appropriation for the year 1879 of the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the improvement of said Manhattan square.

The following is the nature of the improvement desired :

The drainage of the stagnant pools in said square ; the filling, in part at least, of the present deep hollows and depressions of its surface ; the grading, sloping, terracing, and turfing its surface, and the general regulation thereof, in order to relieve and remove the present rough outlines and unsightly aspect of the square, which have been for a protracted period, and now are detrimental to the value of the property adjacent thereto, and thereby to the revenues of the City in the taxable value of such property, and to the interests of its citizens generally.

NEW YORK, December 13, 1878.

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES,	CHARLES F. HUNTER,
ALFRED WAGSTAFF,	EDWARD CLARK,
JOHN M. PINKNEY,	MARSHALL O. ROBERTS,
MATTHEW BIRD,	H. B. CLAFLIN,
GEORGE F. BETTS,	AMOS R. ENO,
EDWARD MARTINDALE,	by AMOS F. ENO, <i>Att'y</i> ,
JOHN A. C. GRAY,	F. H. COSSITT.

To the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :

The undersigned, owners of property situated upon and in the vicinity of Manhattan square, in making their application to your body, dated December 13, 1878, for the transmission by your body to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of a supplemental estimate, with a request to that Board for an appropriation for the year 1879, for the money necessary at this time for the improvement of said Manhattan square, hereby respectfully state that such application is made in accordance with the resolutions adopted at two public meetings of citizens and property-owners, held at Manhattan square on October 3 and November 26, 1878, and for the purposes specified in said application.

That the regulation and improvement of said square will require, and that the owners of the adjacent property and the taxpayers and citizens of the City of New York are legally entitled to, such appropriations for the purposes of said regulation and improvement as may be sufficient to carry out and fully perform the plain provisions and requirements of the Law of 1864, whereby the square was annexed to the Central Park, and whereby the Commissioners having charge thereof were required "to inclose, lay out, grade, regulate, drain, and improve the said piece of ground thereby annexed to the said Central Park," and which duties have devolved upon the Department of Public Parks.

That the application made by the undersigned for an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars is submitted to your body in the belief that such appropriation is now proper and necessary for the said regulation and improvement of said Manhattan square during the year 1879, and that their application for such appropriation, or for such portion of said sum of fifty thousand dollars (not less than ten thousand dollars) as may be immediately necessary for commencing without delay the preliminary work required for the purpose specified in said application, should be granted at this time, and the undersigned hereby earnestly request your body to take the necessary measures to apply for and secure at this time such appropriation by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

NEW YORK, December 13, 1878.

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Whereupon Mr. James Ruggles, in behalf of the memorialists and owners of property, appeared before the Board, and after setting forth the past and present condition of Manhattan square, the long period of neglect thereof, and its disastrous effects upon the adjacent property, and the legal rights of the owners of property and citizens to its speedy improvement, presented the following statement :

To the Mayor of the City of New York,

President of Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR,—The following statement in relation to Manhattan square is submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for their consideration, in connection with the memorial (dated December 13, 1878), of owners of property situated upon and adjacent to said square, and the resolution (dated December 18, 1878) adopted by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks in relation to the regulation and improvement of said square, now urgently required, and for which purposes an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for the year 1879 is thereby requested.

STATEMENT.

The public place or square containing 18 75-100 acres, bounded by Eighth avenue, Ninth avenue, Seventy-seventh street, and Eighty-first street, in the City of New York, and designated on the map of the city as Manhattan Square, is situated at or near the centre of the Island of New York, being almost precisely equidistant (about five miles) from the southernmost point of the Battery and from the crossing of the Harlem river, at the Aqueduct, Highbridge, distances soon to be brought, by steam, within twenty minutes.

It adjoins the Central Park, on the western side thereof,

being separated therefrom only by the Eighth avenue, which is one hundred feet in width.

In or about the year 1838, the necessary legal proceedings were instituted for opening Manhattan square, which were duly completed and confirmed by the Supreme Court on the 11th of March, 1839, and the square was ordered to be opened by the Common Council of the City of New York on the 1st of June, 1840.

The sum awarded for the 256 lots taken, 25x100, was \$54,697, which was wholly imposed upon and paid by the 5,888 lots assessed for benefit, no portion of the costs of said lands being paid by the City.

The area of assessment was bounded by the Sixth avenue on east, by the Hudson river on the west, by Sixty-seventh street on the south, and by Ninety-first street on the north.

During the period of twenty-four years from the date of opening said square on the 1st of June, 1840, to the date of its annexation to the Central Park on the 23d of April, 1864, by the act of the Legislature hereinafter mentioned, no proceedings appear to have been taken by the City authorities to regulate and improve the square, or to adapt it to the purposes of a public place or park for the embellishment of the City and for the recreation of its citizens, for which purposes it was opened, and during this long period the owners of the property assessed for the cost of the lands taken for such square were deprived of the benefit which might have been derived from such regulation and improvement and to which they were and still are justly entitled, while during the same period the valuation of the property for purposes of taxation was increased, apparently upon the basis of such supposed benefit.

The assessments imposed upon the property with- in the prescribed area of assessments were, as above stated.....	\$54,697 00
The interest at seven per cent. accruing thereon for the above period, viz., from June 1, 1840, to April 23, 1864, amounted to.....	91,497 59
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	\$146,194 59
Interest as above, from April 23, 1864, to Decem- ber 31, 1878.....	56,240 66
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	<u>\$202,435 25</u>

In the year 1856, sixteen years after the opening of Manhattan square, the Central Park was created by legal proceedings instituted in pursuance of the special act of the Legislature, passed in 1853, creating said park, which proceedings were finally confirmed on the 1st of February, 1856, and liberal appropriations were at once made for its improvement.

In the year 1864, Manhattan square was annexed to "Central Park" and legally made a portion of it, that they might be united in a systematic and harmonious improvement, by the following act of the Legislature :

CHAPTER 319.

AN ACT in relation to Manhattan square in the City of New York ; passed April 23, 1864 ; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. That piece or parcel of land in the City of New York, known as Manhattan square, bounded on the north by

Eighty-first street, on the east by the Eighth avenue, on the south by Seventy-seventh street, and on the west by the Ninth avenue, is hereby annexed to the Central Park, and shall be under the care, management, and control of the Commissioners of the said Central Park, as fully and completely as the other part of the said Central Park is now or may hereafter be under their care, management, and control; and it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners to inclose, lay out, grade, regulate, drain, and improve the said piece of ground hereby annexed to the said Central Park, and to connect the same with the said Central Park in such a way or ways as shall not interfere with the full, free, and uninterrupted use of the Eighth avenue as a public street, and the said Commissioners shall have power to establish and maintain on the said piece of ground, or any other part of the said Central Park, a botanical and zoological garden; provided, however, that the said Commissioners shall not fix or establish or in any manner change or alter the grade of the streets surrounding the said piece of ground known as Manhattan square, as now fixed and established by law.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Whatever plans may have been considered at any time relation to the square, and whatever expenditures may have been made therein, the present results thereof will appear upon inspection of its present conditions.

With the exception of a strip of land (800 feet in length by 75 feet in width) forming a part of the northern portion of Manhattan square, and which has been leveled by and at the private expense of the owner of some adjoining property, the square presents the appearance of neglect and desolation.

As set forth in the memorial above mentioned, its stagnant pools, its deep hollows and depressions, its rough outlines of protruding fragments of rock, its masses of loose stone and

debris, and its generally unsightly features have been for more fourteen years and now are detrimental to the value of the square as public property, to the value of the adjacent property, and thereby to the tax revenues of the City and to the sanitary welfare and pecuniary interests of its citizens.

The regulation and improvement of Manhattan square, if speedily commenced and vigorously prosecuted, will, it is confidently affirmed, at once increase the taxable value of the property adjoining and lying in its vicinity, to such amount as will enable such property to bear and fully repay in annual taxes the interest upon the amount of appropriation for which application is now made, and will, within a brief period, fully reimburse the City Treasury for the whole amount of such appropriations.

The following estimate of such increase of valuation is here submitted :

The valuations placed by the Tax Commissioners for the year (1878) upon the property embraced in the blocks immediately surrounding Manhattan square are as follows :

Block Number.	Avenues.	Between. Streets.	
123....	Eight and Ninth....	Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh..	\$159,800 00
124....	"	....Eighty-first and Eighty-second.....	173,200 00
165....	Ninth and Tenth...	Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh..	92,675 00
166....	"	....Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth.	88,920 00
167....	"	....Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth...	106,925 00
168....	"	....Seventy-ninth and Eightieth.....	94,800 00
169 ...	"	.. .Eightieth and Eighty-first.....	89,850 00
170....	"	....Eighty-first and Eighty-second.....	80,900 00

\$887,070 00

—of which the total tax revenue, at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, is for 1878..... 22,176 75

Of the lots embraced in these blocks, 88 lots (25x100) surround and front directly on Manhattan square.

The tax valuation for this year (1878) upon these

88 lots amount to.....	\$255,750 00
—of which the total tax revenue, at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., is for 1878.....	6,393 75

An increase of twenty-five per cent. in the aggregate valuation of the lots in the above mentioned blocks surrounding the square (duly apportioned among the several lots, according to the locality and benefit to be derived by each by the improvement of the square), would produce the following result:

Increase of 25 per cent. on above tax valuations of \$887,070.....	\$221,767 00
Tax revenue at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on such increase....	5,554 00
Interest at 6 per cent. on appropriation of \$50,000 desired.....	3,000 00
Applicable to the reduction of the principal amount of such appropriation	2,554 00

The above estimate, although insufficient to afford a correct idea of the probable increase of value, is made at what may be considered the lowest rate of such increase, and may serve as the basis of estimates which may hereafter be submitted after careful consideration.

A far greater increase in valuation will accompany the vigorous prosecution of the regulation and improvement of the square, and its completion as an open park and pleasure ground for the recreation of the population surrounding it and of all the inhabitants of the City seeking the square as one of the

open "breathing places" provided by the wisdom and foresight of the Commissioners appointed under the Act of 1807 to lay out streets, avenues and public places in this City.

The probable early improvement of all the vacant lots surrounding and adjacent to the square, by the erection of buildings and the increase of population within such area, now about to be rendered accessible by the rapid transit facilities now in course of development, form necessary elements of consideration in making any adequate estimates of increase, and of the probable revenue to be derived therefrom by the City.

In the above estimate the lots lying beyond the blocks above mentioned have not been included, but it is to be reasonably supposed that their value will be greatly increased by the improvement of Manhattan Square as a focal point, diffusing value by its regulation and future embellishment.

The plain provisions of the law, the rights of property-owners and tax-payers, and of all citizens in every condition of life who are entitled to the enjoyment of their public parks, and every consideration of public duty and public policy, demand the immediate commencement and prosecution of the regulation and improvement of Manhattan square, and form the basis of the application now presented for an appropriation at this time sufficient for the work and purposes therein specified.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES F. RUGGLES,

In behalf of the memorialists, owners of property upon
and adjacent to Manhattan square.

New York, December 20th, 1878.

Which was ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The Secretary presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
 36 UNION SQUARE (East), }
 NEW YORK, December 18th, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN WHEELER, *Secretary of Board of*
Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir,—At a meeting of the Commissioners governing this Department, held this day, the following resolutions were adopted :

“ *Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and is hereby, requested to appropriate and include in the estimates of the Department of Public Parks, for the year 1879, the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the work of making maps of the territory constituting the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, as provided by chapter 411 of the Laws of 1876.

“ *Resolved*, That in the judgment and discretion of this Board, the said sum of ten thousand dollars is necessary to carry on the work authorized by the said act during the year 1879.”

Respectfully,

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

Commissioner LANE, of the above Department, being present, the Secretary inquired as to the probable cost of the maps.

Mr. Lane replied by stating that during the term of the former President of the Department (Mr. Martin), it was estimated at about \$16,000.

Mr. Wheeler was of the opinion that the amount named was \$12,000; also that no appropriation should be made for the purpose for 1879, except with the distinct provision that the amount so appropriated should complete the maps referred to.

The Comptroller presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
 NEW YORK, December 17th, 1878.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

Sir,—By the provisions of chapters 56 and 328 of the Laws of 1871, chapter 477 of the Laws of 1875, and chapter 445 of the Laws of 1877, authority is given for the further issue of Croton Water Stock, to provide for the further supply of pure and wholesome water for the use of the City of New York.

The sum of \$60,000 is required in addition to the unexpended balance of the amount heretofore called for, to meet the final payment on the contract for constructing the New Storage Reservoir; the payment of expenses and awards for damages in proceedings now pending for the acquisition of lands, etc., the cost of surveys in progress, and other necessary items.

Requisition is therefore made for the further issue of said stock to the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), for the use of this Department.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Chairman presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, December 20th, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor, and Chairman of the*
Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir,—At a meeting of your Board on Monday last Alderman Saner referred to an opinion or decision of the Supreme Court, in support of his argument that the authority to appoint janitors of buildings or rooms occupied by Police and Civil courts, is vested in the Justices of such courts, and not in the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the appropriations for the Department of Public Works should not include any provision for the salaries of such janitors.

The only judicial decisions or opinions on this subject which I am able to find, after diligent search, are those rendered in the several suits of *Burke vs. The Mayor, etc.*, for the recovery of salary as janitor of the Fourth Police and Seventh District Civil Court, and of *Bergen vs. The Mayor, etc.*, for the recovery of salary as janitor of the Fourth District Police Court.

As to the purport and effect of these decisions or opinions, I quote from the letter addressed to the Comptroller by the Counsel to the Corporation, under date of February 20, 1877, and printed in the minutes of your Board, of March 3, 1877, (pp. 1940-1944) :

“ It was decided by the General Term of the Supreme Court, in the case of *Bergen* against the City, that under this statute (sec. 12, chapter 538, Laws of 1873,) an attendant appointed by the Board of Police Justices, and who was called a janitor of the Police Courts, and performed certain duties in those courts, was entitled to be paid his salary out of the City Treasury. It was, however, stated in the opinion of the

court, in that case, that the right of the Police Justices to appoint a janitor of this description was not inconsistent with the right of the Commissioner of Public Works to appoint janitors for the buildings and parts of buildings in which the Police Courts are held."

"It was also decided by the Supreme Court, in actions brought by Burke against the City, to recover his salary as janitor of a building in which Police Courts are held, that the Commissioner of Public Works had the right to appoint such janitor, and that he was entitled to be paid his salary out of the City Treasury."

The pith of all the judicial decisions and the official correspondence and opinions of the Counsel to the Corporation, in regard to this subject of janitors is, that, while the Police Justices have the right to appoint attendants upon their courts, and to require one or more of such attendants to perform duty as janitors of the courts, the buildings or parts of buildings in which the courts are held are under the care and custody of the Department of Public Works, and that the Commissioner of Public Works, who is by law responsible for such care and custody, has the right to appoint janitors to have the care and charge of such buildings or parts of buildings.

I would further call your attention to the other portions of the above-mentioned letter, and to the preambles and resolutions therewith submitted, and unanimously adopted by your Board (minutes of March 3, 1877, pp. 1944-1947,) and I believe that upon consideration of the same, your Board will not reverse its action of that date, but will include in the final estimate, in the appropriation "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices," the necessary provision for salaries of janitors

of the buildings or parts of buildings occupied by police and civil courts, as requested in the departmental estimate.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the COMPTROLLER.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF JURORS, {
NEW YORK, December 19, 1878. }

The Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Gentlemen—"Section 1093, chap. 448, Laws of 1876, contains the following provision of law :

"Sec. 1093. * * * The proper and necessary expenses of the Commissioner's office, including the reasonable compensation of his assistants, clerks, and messengers, necessary printing and advertising, books, stationary, and other articles required for the convenient discharge of his duties, may be paid by him out of money received by him for fines and penalties. * * * If there is a deficiency, the Board of Aldermen must provide for the payment thereof, by the Comptroller of the City of New York, out of the City Treasury."

The jury fines received have been inadequate to meet the expenses of the office for the current year, and there exists a deficiency of \$4,659.87.

I respectfully request your Honorable Body to make an appropriation sufficient to meet said deficiency.

Appended hereto is the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, which I submit for your consideration.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

THOMAS DUNLAP,

Commissioner of Jurors.

(Copy.)

LAW DEPARTMENT,
 OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
 NEW YORK, December 17, 1878.

THOMAS DUNLAP, Esq.,

Commissioner of Jurors:

Dear Sir,—I duly received your letter of the 7th instant, referring to section 1,093 of chapter 448 of the laws of 1876, and stating that the amounts received by you for fines and penalties during the past year have not been sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of your office, and that a deficiency now exists, and requesting my opinion whether, upon proper application, the Board of Aldermen can, before the expiration of the current year, make an appropriation to cover such deficiency.

Section 1,093 of the Code of Civil Procedure, referred to in your letter, provides that the proper and necessary expenses of your office may be paid by you out of the money received by you for fines and penalties, and that, if there is a deficiency, "the Board of Aldermen must provide for the payment thereof, by the Comptroller of the City of New York, out of the City Treasury."

The Legislature, in making this provision to provide for the expenses of your office, when the fines and penalties received by you were not sufficient to pay the same, seem to have overlooked the various provisions of law under which money is appropriated and raised to meet the expenses of conducting the City Government.

As you are aware, all appropriations to meet such expenses are now made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The provisional estimate made by said board is submitted to the Board of Aldermen, which can make objections to or rectifications of the same, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, after considering such objections and rectifications, is

required to make a final estimate, and the amount appropriated by the latter Board, after such consideration, is then to be raised by tax.

Under these provisions of law the Board of Aldermen have no original power to make appropriations, nor are their recommendations binding upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. It is, therefore, difficult to see how the above cited provision of the Code of Civil Procedure can be literally carried out, as there is no method, so far as I know, in which the Aldermen can directly provide for the payment of the deficiency in the expenses of your office by the Comptroller out of the City Treasury. The Code must, however, be read in connection with other existing provisions of law, and must be interpreted, if possible, in such way as to give it effect. It seems to me that the proper and lawful course will be for the Commissioner of Jurors to submit to the Board of Aldermen a statement of the deficiency which has arisen in his office during the past year, by reason of the fact that the fines and penalties received are not equal to the expenses, and that the Board of Aldermen may thereupon, in their discretion, adopt a resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to insert in the appropriation for the year 1879 a sum sufficient to meet the deficiency which has arisen during the past year. If this course be taken, the Comptroller will then have an appropriation after the first of January out of which he can pay any such deficiency.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed)

W. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

Which was laid over until next meeting.

The following communications were presented :

245 EAST THIRTY-FIFTH STREET, }
NEW YORK, December 18, 1878. }

To the Honorable the Board of Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—In the “Herald” of the 10th, I notice a letter from Mrs. Lowell, in which she advises the distribution of \$60,000 between the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor and the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. As to the latter society I know nothing, and have nothing to say, but I would advise that you carefully inquire about the former before giving them any money. I am convinced that Mrs. Lowell has been imposed upon. I was at one time a visitor for the Association, and my experience convinced me that but little good is accomplished by the work done. I was as faithful as any, and more so than most, and am prepared to say that the visiting of the society as now organized, is of but little benefit to the poor. But that is not the worst. In looking over the report of last year you will find that of \$35,000 spent by the society, \$12,600 or over was for salaries of officials and office expenses, the Secretary alone receiving \$60 per week, or enough to give substantial aid to from 15 to 20 families, and again last year, in the month of February, in the severest part of the season, the society closed its doors so far as any substantial aid to the poor was concerned, alleging that they had nothing to help with, when they had at the same time a reserve fund of \$60,000, and all the time the Secretary did not fail to draw his \$60 per week, and the other officials their full salaries. Formerly, according to act of incorporation, every subscriber was a member, and could at its meetings (if it could be ascertained when they were held) be heard, but within a few weeks the ring held a meeting, and, by an amendment to the rules, disfranchised everybody but the officers and managers, virtually making about five men the society. I am credibly

informed that several gentlemen will soon follow the example of a few, and allow their names to be used no longer as figure-heads.

Whatever the society may have been in its early days, I think inquiry will develop the fact that it is now a clique of pious humbugs, organized ostensibly as a board of charity, but really to make fat places for a set of fellows who should be earning an honest living. If public money is to be given at all to private charities, it should be given to church organizations, where the poor will get at least 90 per cent of what is given.

Yours, truly,

C. PULLMAN.

Mr. J. WHEELER :

Sir,—I received the notice of the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to-day, at noon, some hours after the meeting had taken place. I trust the interest of the Nursery and Child's Hospital was not thereby forfeited. Our demand was for \$120,000, as we feel we have room to support a certain number of inmates, and can conscientiously expend all that we receive.

Trusting the absence of a representative has not affected us in the appropriation for the ensuing year,

I remain, etc.,

MARY I. KINGSLAND,

Treasurer N. and C. H.

December 17—116 Fifth Avenue.

NEW YORK JUVENILE ASYLUM,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIXTH STREET }
AND TENTH AVENUE,

NEW YORK, December 18, 1878.

JOHN WHEELER, Esq. :

Dear Sir,—Your notice of the meeting of the Board of Apportionment on the 16th inst. was not received in time either

to attend in person or present the estimate for the Juvenile Asylum for 1879.

We have accommodations for 800 children and have averaged that number the past year. We shall require, therefore, say, \$90,000 for our expenditure of 1879.

Respectfully yours,

A. R. WETMORE,

President.

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communications:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
26 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }
NEW YORK, December 18, 1878.

Hon. JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller City New York:

Sir,—At a meeting of the Commissioners governing this Department, held this day, the following resolutions were adopted:

“ *Resolved*, That a copy of the memorial of Lewis G. Morris and others for the construction of a suspension bridge across the Harlem River at One Hundred and Eighty-first Street, at the point where the said bridge was located by the Department, and where the title to the land on which to construct it was acquired by the City for that purpose, be communicated to the Comptroller of the City of New York, and that he be requested to take proper measures for the issue of bonds on account of the construction of such bridge, to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars, pursuant to section 3 of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, to be applied in making soundings and surveys for the

location of the piers and determining the plan of such bridge.

“*Resolved*, That the subject be laid over until such bonds are issued, and that said Lewis G. Morris and his associates be notified of this action of the Board.”

Respectfully,

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

To the Honorable JAMES F. WENHAM,

President of the Department of Public Parks:

The undersigned, owners or occupants of property in the City of New York east of the Harlem river and on Manhattan Island above One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, represent to the Honorable the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks the great importance of a suspension bridge across the Harlem river, about half a mile north of the High Bridge, and respectfully submit certain considerations that indicate that its completion is an immediate public necessity.

As is well known, the area of that portion of the City east and north of the Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil Creek is but little less than that of the old City. This river and creek divide the old from the new portion of the City, and must be crossed to get from one to the other. The distance that the City lies on both sides of these waters, from Randall's Island to the North river, is nearly 77,000 feet or about $14\frac{58}{100}$ miles.

The population of the new portion is about 40,000, and through it is a continued stream of travel to the territory lying to the east and north.

The bridges that now cross the river and creek are seven in number within a distance of about six and one-half miles. They are:

1. The Third Avenue bridge, having a draw, and adapted for crossing of vehicles and foot travel.

2. The railroad bridge at the Fourth avenue, only usable by the steam cars, also having a draw.

3. The Central, or Macomb's Dam Bridge, having a draw, at the terminus of a short street diverging from Eighth Avenue.

4. The High Bridge, for carrying the Croton Aqueduct, and also accommodating foot passengers.

5. The Farmer's Bridge, two and a half miles north of High bridge, for foot and vehicle travel.

6. King's Bridge, for foot and vehicle passage.

7. Railroad Bridge across the Spuyten Duyvil Creek at its opening to the North River, and having a draw.

Of these seven bridges, all of which are shown on the map appended to this memorial, and prepared to illustrate this important subject, four only admit the passage of vehicles.

The distance from the Third Avenue Bridge to the Central Bridge is about 7,800 feet, or about one and-a-half miles.

The distance from the Central Bridge to the Farmers' Bridge is about 18,400 feet, or about three and one half miles, so that, if, as is not unfrequently the case, the Central Bridge is undergoing repairs, the population located midway between the Third Avenue and Farmers' Bridge on one side of the river obliged to go to a point similarly situated on the other side with vehicles, cannot do so without traveling a distance of nearly five miles; a person desiring to pass in a vehicle directly across the river from the Juvenile Asylum, not an eighth of a mile in distance, must travel nearly five miles to accomplish it.

Six of these seven bridges are but a few feet above the surface of the water, they accommodate that class of travel and traffic that is on the lower levels of the land. The High Bridge

only is so far elevated as to admit of convenient passage between the highlands on each side. These highlands begin just above Manhattanville and extend up to Fort George and Tubby Hook, occupying for the greater portion of this distance pretty much the whole width of the island, except Harlem flats. They are about two miles in breadth, with an area of 1,000 acres, having a general elevation above the river of over 200 feet.

There is also on the east side of the river a range of high lands, beginning at Cromwell's Creek, and extending for several miles up the shores of the Harlem River, and extending to the Bronx River, and up to and beyond the line of the newly added territory, including Woodlawn Cemetery, and comprehending nearly one-third of this territory. The elevation of these highlands is somewhat less than that of those on the island, and a very large area would be accommodated by this bridge.

At a distance of 1,700 feet north of the High Bridge the shores on both sides of the river are very precipitous and rocky. Their adaptation to facilitate crossing from one shore to the other by means of an elevated bridge was pointed out nearly ten years ago, accommodating the levels of the adjacent lands, and at the same time allowing of the free navigation of these waters without the necessity of any draw. The site of this suspension bridge has been actually determined and located. The ground for the approaches has been taken and paid for by the City, and property owners; of the vicinity have been assessed the sum of \$37,751.78 to pay for it, most of whom have paid; those who have not their lands are incumbered with an assessment, and the interest running upon it. It is therefore their right that the construction of this bridge should proceed without delay.

In the new laying out of the territory east of the Harlem, through ways of general access to the suspension bridge have

been provided for and form an important part of the system, it is a converging point for several main roads, it is not only for the population and business of this especial elevated plateau, present and future, that this bridge is to accommodate, but the already populous communities surrounding them. To delay the building of the bridge is to retard the development of a large area that has been laid out with especial reference to it, and would seriously inconvenience the present populated neighborhood.

For twenty years the need for crossing for wheel traffic has been deeply felt, but the then different jurisdictions on each side gave rise to endless questions as to the relative portions of the expense that each should bear, and nothing was done.

The territory now belongs to one jurisdiction—the City of New York. The Legislature nearly eight years ago directed that this bridge should be built, and provided the means for building it, and the authority charged with the duty of executing the order of the Legislature is the Department of Public Parks. By the Act of May 11, (chapter 826), it was made the duty of the original Board of Commissioners of the Central Park to survey the lower and westerly part of Westchester County, and among other things to provide plans for streets and avenues, for sewers and drainage, for the supply of water, for the improvement of the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, and plans for the location of all bridges, tunnels and other means of transit across or under said river and creek.

The authority under this act expired on the 1st day of January, 1871. The work was entered into and pushed by the Commissioners with energy.

The original Board of Central Park Commissioners, however, went out of office by the Charter of 1870. In the year 1871 (chapter 534), a further act was passed, continuing in the

Department of Public Parks these powers of the Act of 1869, and widening and extending them. In this act is found the following passage :

"The said Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the City of New York, and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, of Westchester County, and the Supervisor of the town which shall include the Westchester County, and of any such tunnel, bridge, or other means of transit, or a majority of them, on behalf of the County of Westchester, shall have full power and authority to build and construct, by contract or otherwise, as they shall deem more expedient, and all bridges, tunnels, and other means of transit across or under Harlem River or Spuyten Duyvil Creek, which may be planned or located, as aforesaid, and may forthwith commence the building or construction of a suspension bridge north of the bridge known as the 'High Bridge,' but not more than half a mile therefrom, and also the bridge or tunnel that may be planned or located near or at the northerly end of the Seventh Avenue, in the City of New York ; provided, however, that not more than two of such bridges, or one bridge and one tunnel, or other means of transit, shall be in the course of process of being built or constructed at the same time."

By the amended annexation Act of 1874 (chapter 329), the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks have the power to devise plans to locate, construct, and maintain all bridges and tunnels they may lay out. By section 16 of the same act, it is provided as follows :

"All provisions of law now in force inconsistent with this act, and of laws imposing upon the County of Westchester, or the towns of Morrisania, West Farms, and King's Bridge, liabilities for the construction and maintenance of tunnels under or bridges over the Harlem River, are hereby repealed, and the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, for the con-

struction and maintenance of bridges over and tunnels under the Harlem River, at the joint cost and expense of the City and County of New York and of the County of Westchester and certain towns therein named, shall be construed as applying hereafter solely to the City and County of New York, and to the territory hereby annexed thereto, and the provisions contained, in said chapter 534 for the raising of moneys for the construction of said bridges and tunnels, or any of them, over or under the Harlem river, by the issue of the bonds of such of the said counties, or otherwise, as in said chapter provided, shall hereafter be confined to the City and County of New York, as the same shall be enlarged by the territory hereby annexed, and the planning and construction of said tunnels and bridges shall be continued for account of said enlarged City of New York, and with its means, as in said chapter 534 provided, the same as though the County of Westchester had not been mentioned in said chapter in connection with said bridges and tunnels."

It will be seen by the above that the bridge is and has long been a recognized public necessity, that legislation is full and adequate to authorize, indeed, to use the words of the statute, to require its construction "forthwith," and that the methods of raising the necessary means are also indicated by the law.

It is well known that measures are in progress for the improvement of these waters by the Government of the United States, to render them in accordance with the plans of that accomplished engineer, Gen. John Newton, useful to the commerce of the whole country, and that this improvement will be of great advantage in cheapening the cost of carrying the products of the West to the East, to this City and Brooklyn, and to Europe.

No consideration of this subject that omits in its inception a full provision for the movement of commerce on the river, as

well as that of travel and traffic across it, will be deemed at all adequate, but this one suspension bridge is a feature connected with the whole undertaking of improving the river, against which no valid objection can be urged.

Nature has fortunately formed the shores on both sides so as to admit of a bridge of height sufficient to allow of the passage of vessels without the necessity of a draw, and of a height that conveniently accommodates the large plateaus of elevated land on each side that are rapidly being populated.

The unprecedentedly low price of iron and the very moderate prices of labor indicate this as a most favorable time for proceeding with this structure. Probably so advantageous a time will not recur in a generation.

Your memorialists respectfully request your Honorable Body to take the necessary measures to have this bridge completed.

Dated May 17, 1878.

(Signed)

N. P. BAILEY,	MORRIS WILKINS,
HUGH N. CAMP,	LEONARD W. JEROME,
WM. G. ACKERMAN,	JOHN HUNTER,
JOSEPH H. GODWIN,	W. R. TRAVERS,
JOSEPH J. POTTER,	L. G. MORRIS,
C. L. CAMMANN,	GUSTAV SCHWAB,
O. CAMMANN, estate,	FRANKLIN EDSON.
per C. L. CAMMANN.	

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet on Monday, December 23, 1878, at 12 o'clock M.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1878—12 o'clock M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—The following members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, Jr., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

Absent—

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 20, 1878, were read and approved.

MESSRS. Matthew Kane, Edward Gilon, Geo. B. Deane, Jr., Alderman Jacobus, and others, appeared before the Board in behalf of the citizens of the Ninth and Fifteenth Wards, and asked for an appropriation of \$30,000 for laying out and fit-

ting up the Fort Gansevoort property as a stand for Market-Gardeners' Wagons, etc., and presented the following petition :

To the Honorable Board of

Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of citizens of the Ninth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Wards, held at Bleecker Buildings, on the 2d day of July, 1878, the undersigned were appointed a committee to urge upon the authorities of our City the desirability of designating the property bounded by Gansevoort, Little West Twelfth, Washington and West streets, being a portion of what is known as the Fort Gansevoort property, and owned by the City, as a depot for market wagons, for the sale of garden produce. Some of the reasons which seemed to call for some such expression on the part of our citizens, and which led to the appointment of your committee, are in brief as follows :

That while the fees paid by the market gardeners are a source of large revenue to the City, they are not afforded sufficient accommodation or protection.

That allowing them to stand in the narrow and overcrowded streets in the lower part of the City is a great evil, and the cause of great inconvenience and loss to merchants and others renting stores and doing business in that portion of the City.

That this location is a central, desirable and convenient one.

That this property is now lying idle and vacant, and if set apart for this purpose, and enlarged facilities are offered these gardeners, it will result in a much larger income being derived from them than at present. And that while extensive and costly public improvements have been made in other parts of the City, toward the expense of which we have contributed our share, our portion of the City, in this respect at least, seems to have been entirely forgotten and neglected.

Actuated by these considerations, we prepared and submitted to the Board of Aldermen a resolution embodying our views, which resolution was passed by that body, and was approved by the Mayor on the 8th day of August last. This resolution provides that this property "be and is hereby designated as a stand for farmers' wagons for the sale of garden produce, subject to the same ordinances, rules and regulations as apply to other public places now used for like purposes, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this resolution."

By the terms of this resolution the power of making the improvements necessary to place this property in a proper condition for the transaction of the business for which it has been set apart is given to the Comptroller, who has informed your committee that he has no funds with which to pay for such improvements. We now appeal to your Honorable Board to make a moderate and reasonable appropriation for this purpose; without such an appropriation the action heretofore had by the Aldermen and the Mayor will be entirely useless, and the objects sought to be attained by that action as far as ever from accomplishment. In order to assist your Honorable Board in arriving at a better knowledge of what is required to be done to put this property in proper shape, we have concluded to present to you in a rough and crude form our ideas as to the manner in which this property should be improved. We hope that in taking this course we will not be regarded as having overstepped the bounds of propriety, and that our action will not be deemed impertinent or officious.

The improvement of this property will benefit not only its immediate locality, but will undoubtedly inure to the advantage of the entire City. We therefore respectfully beg to submit to your favorable consideration the following suggestion:

The sheds and fences which now incumber this property,

and which are a disgrace to the City and an eyesore and a nuisance to the neighborhood, should be at once removed.

The ground should be graded, sewered, laid out into rows or avenues, and paved.

On the spaces between the avenues raised platforms or walks for the accommodation of foot passengers should be built.

Over these platforms, and projecting far enough out so as to cover the area on which the market wagons will stand, suitable sheds or awnings should be erected.

We have endeavored in these suggestions merely to give an outline of what work we think is required, and have not entered at all into detail. With your consent, we will be pleased to submit a plan which will more fully embody our ideas. The principal object to be accomplished at present is to secure an appropriation for the work. We have made a rough calculation, and believe an expenditure of thirty thousand dollars is all that is required. which amount we respectfully and earnestly urge be appropriated for this purpose.

Dated New York, December 21, 1878.

MATTHEW KANE, 345 West Fourth Street.

PATRICK MALONE, 91 and 63 Ninth Avenue.

GEORGE B. LAWTON, 77 Jane Street.

JAMES C. HOE, 325 West Fourteenth Street.

BRADISH JOHNSON, 428 West Sixteenth Street.,

per EDWARD A. ROOME.

EDWARD GILON, 557 Hudson Street.

JOHN J. GORMAN, West Fourteenth Street.

SIDNEY P. NICHOLS, 407 West Twenty-third St.

J. W. JACOBUS, 16 Morton Street.

GEORGE B. DEANE, 277 West Eleventh Street.

GEORGE B. DEANE, JR., 67 Bank Street.

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Alderman Sauer made a statement in reference to the appointment of Janitors for Civil and Police Courts, and presented the following communication :

Janitors were authorized by the following resolution :

“ *Resolved*, That the Justices assigned to each of the Police Courts of this City, and the Justices of the several (District Civil) Courts be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to appoint a janitor for each of said Police and Civil Courts, at an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars each, payable monthly.”

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 14, 1870.

Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 14, 1870.

Approved by the Mayor, March 15, 1870.

(Proceedings Common Council, 1870, p. 103.)

Michael Sullivan brought an action to recover salary from January 1, 1872, as Janitor of the Sixth District (Civil) Court.

This case went to the Court of Appeals, and it was decided that “the position of Janitor of a District Court is not an office; the janitor is simply an employee, and the Common Council are not prohibited from authorizing said court to appoint an attendant. The authorization to appoint to that labor is not the creation of a new office.”

By Section 65, Chapter 334, Laws of 1857, it is enacted that the Corporation of the City of New York shall furnish at the expense of the City all necessary attendance, etc., for the District Courts, and that Chapter 529, Laws 1853, shall apply, which authorizes the courts to appoint necessary attendants.

In *James McCullough vs. The Mayor*, Supreme Court, General Term, January, 1876, it was decided that a janitor was in no sense a public officer, but a mere servant or employee, and the provision of the Charter, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, Section 97, that salaries shall be fixed by the Board of Apportionment, does not apply, and that the compensation was subject to change at any time by the Common Council. That the Common Council could abolish the place, or confer its duties upon any other servant or employee.

The following resolution was adopted by the Common Council :

Resolved, That the resolution approved March 15, 1870, authorizing the Justices of the several Police and Civil Courts to appoint janitors, be and is hereby annulled, rescinded, and repealed.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 21, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, December 28, 1876, by which the authority for the appointment of janitors was taken away from the justices of the civil courts.

By Section 12, Chapter 538, Laws of 1873, the majority of the members attending any meeting of the Board of Police Justices may appoint "other necessary attendants, and may remove the same." But such expense, by Section 4 of the same act, may be limited by the proper authorities of the City.

In *Patrick Bergen vs. The Mayor*, Supreme Court, General Term, May, 1875, it was decided that janitors were clearly

included within the power to appoint "necessary attendants," and that an appointee of the Commissioner of Public Works was permitted to recover the salary from the City cannot affect the plaintiff's right to compensation.

The Commissioner of Public Works, by Section 71 of the Charter of 1873, Sub-section 5, is charged with the care of public buildings, and under this authority claims to appoint janitors for the different buildings occupied by the courts.

By resolution approved by the Mayor, April 30, 1864, the Street Commissioner is authorized to appoint a janitor of the Fourth district Police Court, at an annual salary of \$1,000.

(Proceedings Common Council 1864, Vol. 32,
p. 109.)

This salary was increased to \$1,500 by resolution of the Common Council.

(Proceedings Common Council 1868, Vol. 36,
p. 288.)

The Commissioner of Public Works succeeded to the powers of the Street Commissioner by the Charters of 1870 and 1873.

The salary of janitors of District Courts was fixed at \$1,200 per annum by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, December 18, 1873.

(Proceedings 1873-74, p. 234.)

(See also proceedings Board of Estimate and Apportionment, *City Record*, March 6, 1877, p. 341. And as to salaries, *City Record*, January 31, 1877, p. 155.)

In the appropriations for 1877, the Board of Estimate and

Apportionment did not allow for salaries for the Police or District Court janitors, but included in the appropriation to the Department of Public Works, for "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices, etc.," sufficient to pay janitors of City Courts—police and civil—and thirteen janitors were appointed, at \$1,200 per annum, by the Commissioner of Public Works :

10 Civil Courts.

3 Police Courts.

(*City Record*, January 31, 1877, p. 143.)

Under the advice of the Corporation Counsel, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment

Resolved, That no janitor or attendant shall be appointed by Police Justices.

(*City Record*, March 6, 1877, p. 341.)

The following resolution has been adopted :

"Resolved, That the resolution approved by the Mayor, December 28, 1876, rescinding resolution approved March 15, 1870, authorizing the justices of the several police and civil courts to appoint janitors, be and the same is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed, and that the justices assigned to each of the police courts in this City, and the justices of the several district civil courts, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a janitor for each of said police and civil courts, at an annual salary as now fixed by law."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 23, 1878.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, October 8, 1878, with his objections thereto.

In Board of Aldermen, October 22, 1878, taken up and considered, as provided in section 13, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, and adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

It would seem that the justices of the civil district courts are empowered to appoint a janitor in each court under the above resolution, and that the salary established by resolution of the Common Council is \$1,500 per annum.

(See *Dunphy vs. The Mayor, Hunn.*, Supreme Court.)

Should the judges appoint janitors under this resolution, the appointees would probably have a good cause of action against the City, even if no appropriation is made.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, however, can limit the amount of the appropriation which is made for "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices," of the Department of Public Works, so far as any allowance is made therein for the pay of janitors.

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Justice Campbell appeared and made a statement in reference to the same subject.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following opinion :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, {
NEW YORK, December 20, 1878.

To the Board of

Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a communication addressed to your Board by

Messrs. Reavey & Fowler, requesting an appropriation of \$3,000 in their favor (by your Board) as and for their services as counsel for Judge Pinckney in the proceedings now proceeding.

They state that they are informed that I have applied for an appropriation of \$3,000 for my services, and that their labors are greater than mine, etc., and that they should have an equal amount.

Their letter has evidently been written under a mistake. I have applied for no money for counsel—myself nor any one else.

The application was for a sum to pay the Referee's fees, the stenographer's fees, witness fees, and for printing. These are necessary expenses.

I know of no authority justifying your Board in making the appropriation suggested.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to Corporation.

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The SECRETARY presented the following communication :

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES,
120 EAST THIRTIETH STREET, Dec. 19, 1878. }

HON. JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary, etc. :

Dear Sir,—It appears by inclosed that I was mistaken in reference to the law providing for the appropriation for adult blind. It is mandatory, so far as the Board of Apportionment is concerned, although not as regards the Board of Commissioners.

I am extremely sorry to have made the mistake. Will you be so kind as to say so to the Mayor for me.

Respectfully yours,

J. S. LOWELL,

Commissioner, etc.

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The CHAIRMAN presented a communication from Mrs. Annie B. Browning, in behalf of the "New York Bible and Fruit Mission," asking for an appropriation from the Excise Fund.

Which was referred to, and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, December 26, 1878, at 11 A. M.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1878—11 o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York,*
JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*
WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *President of the Board of Aldermen.*
JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 23d, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
December 19, 1878. }

To the Board of
Estimate and Apportionment :

I have the honor to submit herewith a resolution providing

for the distribution of the sum of \$111,571 from the excise moneys, available for this object, among the charitable societies and institutions in this City, which "gratuitously aid, support, and assist the poor," and which are entitled to receive the same under the provisions of chapter 22, of the Laws of 1875. A list of the societies and institutions is annexed, with the amounts appropriated to each, according to the data of their operations during the past year, as furnished by them, and the information in possession of this Department in regard to their respective claims as almoners of the public moneys among the poor of this City.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 221 of the Laws of 1875, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby appropriates from the excise moneys, to the charitable and benevolent institutions in the City of New York, which "gratuitously aid, support, and assist the poor," the sums stated in the following schedule, and amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one hundred and eleven thousand five hundred and seventy-one dollars, as a per capita allowance for the number of poor and destitute persons actually treated, cared for, or educated in and by these institutions, respectively; these appropriations are made with the distinct provision that no part of these moneys is to be used or applied by any of said institutions as a permanent fund, or for the purpose of erecting or furnishing any building, or for the payment of the salary of any employee, but the whole amount allowed to each institution is to be used and applied to the purpose above stated, as provided by law, viz., to "gratuitously aid, support, and assist the poor."

No.	NAME.	Number of Poor Assisted in One Year.	Per Capita Allowance.	Amount Allowed.
1	New York Ladies' Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church (the Five Points Mission).....	3,000	\$0 40	\$1,200 00
2	The Howard Mission and Home for Little Wanderers.....	4,600	25	1,150 00
3	Ladies' Union Relief Association for Care of Disabled Soldiers and their Families.....	1,000	1 50	1,500 00
4	German Ladies' Society for Support of Widows and Orphans.....	5,900	20	1,180 00
5	The New York Diet Kitchen Association.....	7,000	15	1,050 00
6	New York Female Assistance Society for the Relief of the Sick Poor.....	1,000	70	750 00
7	United Hebrew Charities of the City of New York.....	31,250	08	2,500 00
8	West Side Relief Association and Sea-Side Sanitarium.....	15,000	06	900 00
9	German Society of the City of New York.....	16,000	10	1,600 00
10	New York Colored Mission.....	1,000	25	250 00
11	French Benevolent Society.....	1,400	25	350 00
12	Belgian Benevolent Society.....	1,000	25	250 00
13	Swiss Benevolent Society.....	1,000	25	250 00
14	West Farms' Ladies Benevolent and Employment Society.....	200	75	150 00
15	The Prison Association.....	274	3 00	822 00
16	Twenty-fourth Ward Relief Association.....	244	1 00	134 00
17	St. Ignatius Guild.....	200	1 00	200 00
18	Olivet Mutual Sewing Relief.....	1,200	25	300 00
19	Society of St. Vincent de Paul of the City of New York.....	25,000	20	5,000 00
20	Wilson Industrial School for Girls.....	700	40	280 00
21	Harlem Missionary Association.....	300	1 00	300 00
22	New York Training School for Nurses.....	2,000	25	500 00
23	New York Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....	2,000	50	1,000 00
24	New York Adult Blind Aid Association.....	30	5 00	150 00
25	New York Employment and Relief Association.....	700	40	280 00
26	The Gilbert Library and Prisoners' Aid Society.....	400	1 00	400 00
27	Eighth Ward Mission.....	1,600	25	400 00
28	Twelfth Ward West Side Relief Association.....	2,000	50	1,000 00
29	St. John's Guild and Floating Hospital of St. John's Guild.....	24,000	10	2,400 00
30	New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.....	24,000	10	2,400 00

HOMES AND ASYLUMS.

No.	NAME.	Number Sup- ported Gratui- tously in One Year.	Per Capita Allowance.	Amount Al- lowed.
1	The Church Mission to Deaf Mutes.....	8	\$20 00	\$160 00
2	House of the Good Shepherd.....	364	5 00	1,820 00
3	New York Christian Home for Intemperate Men (partially supported).....	125	15 00	1,875 00
4	Home for the Aged of the Little Sisters of the Poor.....	163	15 00	2,445 00
5	St. Joseph's Home for the Aged.....	240	15 00	3,600 00
6	The Sheltering Arms.....	111	15 00	1,665 00
7	Association for Befriending Children (House of the Holy Family).....	100	15 00	1,500 00
8	Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews.....	75	10 00	750 00
9	St. Vincent's Home for Boys.....	100	10 00	1,000 00
10	Chapin Home for Aged and Infirm.....	50	15 00	750 00
11	Samaritan Home for the Aged.....	37	20 00	740 00
12	St. James' Home for Boys.....	150	5 00	750 00
13	House of Rest for Consumptives.....	50	10 00	500 00
14	The Midnight Mission.....	42	10 00	420 00
15	Institution of Mercy.....	200	10 00	2,000 00
16	St. Stephen's Home for Children.....	150	10 00	1,500 00
17	New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.....	100	10 00	1,000 00
18	Society for the Relief of Destitute Children of Seamen.....	116	6 00	696 00
19	Five Points House of Industry (partially supported).....	400	3 00	1,200 00
20	St. Vincent's Industrial Home for Girls.....	100	10 00	1,000 00
21	New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society (St. Barnabas House).....	100	10 00	1,000 00
22	Ladies' Protective Union and Directory (Martha's Rest).....	22	10 00	220 00
23	Home for Incurables.....	60	20 00	1,200 00
24	Home for Old Men and Aged Couples.....	25	15 00	375 00
25	St. Joseph's Industrial Home for Destitute Children.....	135	10 00	1,350 00

26	Peabody Home for Aged Women.....	15	20 00	300 00
27	Methodist Episcopal Church Home.....	99	20 00	1,980 00
28	Female Christian Home (partially supported).....	30	5 00	150 00
29	Young Women's Aid Association.....	26	15 00	390 00
30	St. Luke's Home for Indigent Christian Females.....	65	15 00	975 00
31	Society for the Relief of the Destitute Blind (Home for the Blind).....	38	20 00	760 00
32	The Free Home for Training Young Girls.....	40	10 00	400 00
33	Women's Prison Association and Home.....	50	15 00	750 00
34	Ladies' Home Society of the Baptist Churches.....	90	7 00	630 00
35	Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic.....	189	10 00	1,890 00
36	St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum (German).....	168	6 00	1,008 00
37	Orphans' Home and Asylum of the Protestant Episcopal Church.....	200	6 00	1,200 00
38	Society for the Relief of Half-Orphan and Destitute Children.....	247	5 00	1,235 00
39	Asylum of St. Vincent de Paul.....	200	5 00	1,000 00
40	Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans.....	200	5 00	1,000 00
41	Roman Catholic Orphan Asylums.....	1,250	4 00	5,000 00
42	House of Our Lady of the Rosary.....	200	5 00	1,000 00
43	Old Gentleman's Unsectarian Home.....	25	20 00	500 00
44	Zion Aged Relief Association.....	17	15 00	255 00
45	The Colored Home.....	200	5 00	1,000 00

HOSPITALS, DISPENSARIES AND INFIRMARIES.

No.	NAME.	Number of Patients Supported and Treated Gratuitously in One Year.	Per Capita Allowance.	Number of Out-door Patients Treated Gratuitously in One Year.	Per Capita Allowance.	Amount Al- lowed.
1	The Woman's Hospital (\$1,000 of this amount to be paid to the Ladies' Society of the Hospital).....	70	\$20 00	2,400	\$0 25	\$2,000 00
2	St. Francis' Hospital.....	300	10 00	.....	.....	3,000 00
3	St. Vincent's Hospital.....	125	20 00	.....	.....	2,500 00
4	Metropolitan Throat Hospital.....	30	20 00	7,000	5	750 00
5	St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Dispensary.....	10	20 00	5,000	10	700 00
6	Mount Sansi Hospital and Dispensary.....	121	7 00	23,080	5	2,000 00
7	St. Luke's Hospital.....	100	20 00	.....	.....	2,000 00
8	St. Mary's Free Hospital for Children.....	50	15 00	.....	.....	750 00
9	German Hospital and Dispensary.....	100	10 00	20,000	5	2,000 00
10	New York Medical College and Hospital for Women.....	20	10 00	4,000	5	400 00
11	Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital.....	.....	.....	5,000	10	500 00
12	New York Ophthalmic and Aural Institute.....	13	10 00	8,700	10	1,000 00
13	New York Orthopedic Dispensary and Hospital.....	.....	.....	8,000	20	1,600 00
14	New York Dispensary.....	.....	.....	41,000	3	820 00
15	Denilt Dispensary.....	.....	.....	26,800	3	804 00
16	Eastern Dispensary.....	.....	.....	26,000	3	780 00
17	Northeastern Dispensary.....	.....	.....	23,000	3	690 00
18	Northwestern Dispensary.....	.....	.....	28,800	3	864 00
19	Central Dispensary.....	.....	.....	16,000	5	800 00
20	Northern Dispensary.....	.....	.....	20,000	4	800 00
21	Western Homœopathic Dispensary.....	.....	.....	10,500	5	525 00
22	Tompkins Square Homœopathic Dispensary.....	.....	.....	16,000	3	480 00
23	New York Free Dispensary for Sick Children.....	.....	.....	3,900	10	390 00

24	Harlem Dispensary.....	.....	.....	.....	5	400 00
25	West Side German Dispensary.....	.....	.....	.....	8	400 00
26	Northeastern Homoeopathic Dispensary.....	.....	.....	.....	5	400 00
27	Yorkville Homoeopathic Dispensary.....	.....	.....	.....	10	325 00
28	New York Homoeopathic Medical College Dispensary.....	.....	.....	.....	5	450 00
29	Eclectic Medical Dispensary.....	.....	.....	.....	7	378 00
30	Dispensary of Medical and Surgical Relief, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	.....	.....	.....	5	150 00
31	New York Ear Dispensary.....	.....	.....	.....	25	250 00
32	West Side Infirmary for Diseases of Eye and Throat.....	.....	.....	.....	10	500 00
33	New York Eye and Ear Infirmary.....	12	20	10	10	1,800 00
34	New York Infirmary for Women and Children..	16	10	10	10	810 00
Total.....						\$111,571 00

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ment—4.*

The Comptroller presented the following communications :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, December 19, 1878.

HON. JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller :

SIR,—I duly received your letter of the 15th of November last, requesting my opinion whether the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has the power to make an additional appropriation to cover the expenses of the Board of Excise for the year from May 1, 1877, to May 1, 1878.

Under chapter 642 of the Laws of 1874, referred to in your letter, the salaries of the Commissioners of Excise, not exceeding five thousand dollars, and the necessary expenses of the Board, are to be annually fixed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and paid out of the moneys received for licenses. Pursuant to this law, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on June 1, 1877, fixed such salaries and expenses for the year from May 1, 1877, to May 1, 1878. On October 4, 1878, the Commissioners of Excise applied to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for an additional appropriation of four hundred and ninety dollars and seventy-three cents (\$490.73), for the purpose of paying bills incurred during said year 1878, in excess of said appropriation.

I suppose that the doubt as to the power of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to make such additional appropriation has arisen on account of the above provision that such salaries and expenses shall be annually fixed, and because it may have been suggested that such salaries and expenses must be fixed at some particular time during each year, and because it may have been supposed that while the Board of Estimate and Apportionment had once fixed the sum, its power was exhausted.

I do not think it necessarily follows, from the language used in the statute above referred to, that such salaries and expenses must necessarily be fixed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at one particular time for each year. The word "annually" means year by year, and indicates that the amount fixed for one particular year is not to continue to be the amount beyond the year. In other words, that the total sum to be paid for salaries and expenses shall be revised every year.

Nor do I think that because the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has once fixed such salaries and expenses for a particular year, its power is exhausted. It has been held by the courts, in various cases, that where a public officer is authorized to do a particular act, and the power has once been exercised, jurisdiction over the matter is lost, and the power cannot be exercised again. The decisions on this point have, however, been conflicting; and the latest decisions of the Court of Appeals do not sustain the doctrine as heretofore laid down by some other courts. For instance, it was formerly held that where a Board of Supervisors had once audited a claim, they could not re-examine it, although the decisions were not harmonious. The Court of Appeals has, however, recently decided that a Board of Supervisors can, for sufficient reasons, re-examine an account which has previously been audited by it. I think, therefore, that notwithstanding the

Board of Estimate and Apportionment had fixed the amount of said salaries and expenses for a particular year, the power of the Board over the matter is not thereby exhausted, but that it can, in its discretion, make an additional appropriation for such salaries and expenses.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

BOARD OF EXCISE, 299 MULBERRY STREET, }
NEW YORK, October 4, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—We respectfully request a transfer for the purpose of paying the following bills incurred in the years 1877–8, viz :

N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co.....	\$36 25
J. V. Donovan, Carpentering Work.....	417 73
C. D. Shute, Carpentering Work.....	10 75
J. Abels	16 00
Jon M. Wenneis, 2 loads of Wood	10 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$490 73

Yours truly,

RICHARD J. MORRISON,
PHILIP MERKLE,
Commissioners of Excise.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of Chapter 642, Laws of 1874, the sum of four

hundred and ninety dollars and seventy-three cents is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund as an additional amount necessary to pay expenses incurred by the Board of Excise during the year ending May 1, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Board of Aldermen—3.

Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—1

The Comptroller presented a communication from the Board of Excise, referred to him at meeting of December 12, 1878, and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of Chapter 642, Laws of 1874, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund as an additional amount necessary to pay the salaries of employees, rent, and other expenses of the Board of Excise for the year ending May 1, 1879.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Board of Aldermen—3.

Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—1.

On motion, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of "Assessment Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York."

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of Section 112 of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest, not exceeding six per cent per annum, and for such period, conformable to law, as he may determine, "Assessment Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," authorized by Chapter 397, Laws of 1852, and Chapter 580, Laws of 1872, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),

the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

On motion the Board took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

The Board reassembled at 2:30 o'clock, P. M.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, December 23, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN,—I duly received a copy of the following resolution, adopted by you on the 11th instant :

“ *Resolved*,—That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to furnish this Board as soon as possible, with his opinion in reference to the salaries of the police force, under acts of the Legislature, and particularly as to the operation or effect of the provision contained in Chapter 861 of the Laws of 1866, ‘ that whenever the currency of the United States shall attain a par value in gold, the foregoing salaries, as fixed by this act, shall be reduced twenty per cent.’ ”

Chapter 861 of the Laws of 1866, referred to in your letter, which established the salaries and compensation of the Commissioners, officers and employees of the Metropolitan police at the several sums therein named, contained the following :

“ Provided that whenever the currency of the United States shall attain a par value in gold, the foregoing salaries, as fixed by this act, shall be reduced twenty per cent., excepting that

in no case shall the yearly pay of captains be less than eighteen hundred dollars, and that of sergeants less than fourteen hundred dollars."

The so-called Charter of 1870 created the Police Department of the City Government, and excepted the City of New York from the various provisions of law establishing the Metropolitan Police. The Charter of 1873 repealed said Charter of 1870, but continued the Police Department as a regular department of the City Government.

Section 43 of said Charter of 1873 contained the following provision :

"Every person connected with the Police Department of the City of New York at the time this act shall take effect, and except as otherwise herein provided, shall continue in office, and the amount of salary or compensation now legally paid to such person, except as herein otherwise provided or authorized, shall be the salary and compensation fixed for his office under this act."

I think the intent of the Legislature, and the legal effect of this provision of said section 43, was to repeal the above cited provision of the Act of 1866, and permanently establish the salary or compensation of every person connected with the Police Department at the sum legally paid to every such person at the time of the passage of said Charter of 1873. I am of this opinion, notwithstanding that section 6 of chapter 755 of the Laws of 1873, passed subsequent to the charter of that year, applied the provisions of law which related to the Metropolitan Police to the present Police Department; because it was expressly declared in said section 6 that those provisions should apply only so far as they were not inconsistent with said Charter of 1873; and in my opinion, the provision in the Charter of 1873 that the salary or compensation of the persons connected with the Police Department shall be the same that was legally paid to such persons when that charter

passed, is inconsistent with the provision in said Act of 1866, that the salaries shall be reduced twenty per cent. when the currency shall attain par in gold.

In view of the fact that, in my opinion, said proviso of the Act of 1866 has been repealed, it is unnecessary for me to examine that statute in detail, for the purpose of determining what its effect would be if still in force. It may not be out of place, however, for me to say that if said provision in regard to the reduction of salaries were in force, it is extremely doubtful whether it would affect the compensation of patrolman and doormen. The act makes a plain distinction between the salaries to be paid to the Commissioners and various clerks and employees of the Metropolitan Police, and the pay of patrolmen and doormen. And while it is declared that such salaries shall be reduced when the currency obtains a par value in gold, it does not declare that such pay shall also be reduced.

I am strongly inclined to the opinion, therefore, that even if the said proviso were in force, it would not affect the pay of patrolmen and doormen. In view, however, of the opinion above expressed, that the whole proviso has been repealed, or superseded by the Charter of 1873, it is not necessary for me to advise you positively on this point.

I observe that a contrary opinion has been expressed by several gentlemen of such standing in the profession as entitles the opinion to the most serious consideration and great weight at the hands of the officers of the City government, and it might fairly be considered the duty of the City officials, before paying out the moneys appropriated for 1879 to the Police Department, to have the question judicially determined by a test case, which could be so expedited, by arrangement of the parties, as to have it passed upon so speedily as not to work great hardship to the members of the force. It would probably only be

The SECRETARY presented the following communication :

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

Mayor, and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir—The Corporation Counsel of this City has petitioned your Honorable Body for the sum of three thousand dollars as counsel fee, on account of conducting the suit of the City *vs.* Walter S. Pinckney, Judge of the Seventh District Court of the City of New York.

We, for and in behalf of the Executive Committee of the Central Tax-payers Association of the City of New York, petition your Honorable Body against such an appropriation on account of the Corporation Counsel receiving an annual salary of \$15,000, with ten assistants receiving \$52,000 more, which, with the other employees engaged in the office of said Corporation Counsel, costs the city in the aggregate the sum of \$75,472 for attending to the duties thereof for the past year.

We would submit that the above suit appertains to the duties of the office of the Corporation Counsel, and respectfully ask that the above application be refused.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL WHITCHURCH,

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Dated New York, December 26, 1878,

WM. F. PITSKE,

Secretary.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to send to the Central Taxpayers' Association, a copy the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, relating thereto.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communications :

OFFICE OF THE "CITY RECORD,"
NEW YORK, December 26, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen—We request that you authorize a transfer of the

sum of fifteen hundred dollars from the appropriation "Contingencies—Mayor's Office," where there is a surplus for the year 1877, to the appropriation "Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books," 1878.

Yours, respectfully

SMITH, ELY, JR.,

Mayor.

W. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

ALLAN CAMPBELL.

Commissioner of Public Works.

To the Honorable the Board of Apportionment

of the City of New York:

Gentlemen—The mailed notice to meet your Honorable Body having arrived too late for the time indicated, I write to present the respectful request that the appropriation for the Children's Fold for the year 1879 be made on the basis of ninety children. Such has been our number since October 1st, and such is it sure to be during the coming year. The legal allowance of two dollars per week for each child would therefore, amount to nine thousand three hundred and sixty dollars (\$9,360). None but the utterly destitute are received, and then only after through investigation by a committee appointed for the purpose. Our accommodations do not permit us much to exceed ninety, although by that restriction we are prevented from receiving all the numerous applications from the poorer congregations of our church. We shall not, however, fall below it. The stated quarterly payment of the amount required would save us the disagreeable necessity of letting bills remain unpaid until the City Treasury can provide for the deficiency in some other way.

Trusting that your Honorable Body may find this request reasonable, I am

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS M. PETERS,

President of the Children's Fold.

New York, December 21, 1878.

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet to-morrow, December 27, 1878, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

FRIDAY, December 27, 1878—11 o'clock, A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 26, 1878, were read and approved.

Messrs. Gilon and Alderman Jacobus appeared before the Board and made statements in behalf of the citizens of the Ninth and Fifteenth Wards, and presented the following estimate :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, December 26, 1878. }

Estimated cost of regulating grading, paving, flagging and

The reasons for making a separate appropriation for "Supplying Water for Shipping and to Building Purposes" are as follows :

Until June 4, 1877, this service was performed under a contract or license, yielding the City a revenue of \$57,800 per annum.

When this contract expired, it was deemed more advantageous to the City and the public to have the service performed by clerks and inspectors in the employ of the Department, and your Board made provision for that purpose, for the balance of the year 1877, and a special appropriation for the year 1878.

The result of the new system was an increase of \$53,000 in revenue for the first year of its application, and a still greater benefit in the suppression of an immense waste of water along the river. By an increase of the force of inspectors, as provided in the Departmental Estimate, these results can yet be improved upon, and in order to ascertain the exact expense of the new system and its financial benefits, it appears desirable to have a separate appropriation for it.

In this instance, also, the force of inspectors required varies with the seasons and other circumstances.

In conclusion, I would state that, inasmuch as the question of economy, of the efficiency of the public service, or the increase in the city revenue will not be affected by transferring these items to the salary appropriation, provided that the amount asked by the Department be granted, it is not of much importance whether such transfers are made, though, for the reasons above stated, it seemed proper to me that the appropriation should be made in accordance with the Departmental Estimate and the custom of previous years.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER moved that the Secretary communicate in person with the Commissioner of Public Works in relation thereto.

Which was agreed to.

A communication was received from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, asking for an appropriation from the Excise Fund.

Which was referred to, and the original sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet to-morrow (December 28th), at 12.30 o'clock A. M.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1878—12.30 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Board of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 27, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, December 28, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

In pursuance of the provisions of section 8 of chapter 383

of the Laws of 1878, the Comptroller hereby certifies to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the sum of thirty-six thousand one hundred and seventy-nine dollars and fifty-five cents is the sum to be included in the annual estimate for the year 1879, which, with the sum to be included in the annual estimate each year thereafter, is sufficient, with the accumulation of interest thereon, to meet and discharge the amount of the bonds and stocks payable from taxation, other than revenue bonds, issued in the year 1878, after the third day of June, the date of the passage of said act, "by the time they shall be payable," as therein provided, and as shown by a statement of the same herewith submitted.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

Statement showing the amount of bonds and stocks of the City of New York, issued in the year 1878, after the 3d day of June, pursuant to statutes authorizing the same, and payable from taxation, other than revenue bonds, and the sums to be included in the annual estimate each year, sufficient, with the accumulation of interest thereon, to meet and discharge the same by the time they shall be payable, as provided by section 8 of chapter 383 of the Laws of 1878 :

Which was laid over.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made for "Contingencies—Mayor's Office," for the year 1877, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for "Printing, Stationery and Blank-books," for the year 1878, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER presented a communication from the Department of Public Works, referred to him at meeting of December 26.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Works for the year 1878, entitled "Salaries—Department of Public Works," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations made to said Department for the year 1878, which are insufficient, viz. :

" Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs.....	\$250 00
" Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices ".....	250 00
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Total.....	\$500 00
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The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand and nine dollars and eleven cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations, which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

" Salaries—Judiciary," 1877	\$2,002 70
" Disbursements and Fees of County Officers and Witnesses," 1878	1,006 41
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Total.....	\$3,009 11
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—to the following appropriations made for the year 1878, which are insufficient or require the same, viz. :

" Salaries—Judiciary."—(The Supreme Court—
Clerks, Stenographers, and Librarian, \$410.80 ;

Compensation of Judges from other districts, \$1,070. The Superior Court—Clerks, Assist- ants, and Stenographers, \$833.30).	\$2,314 10
“ Advertising ”	300 00
“ Contingencies—Comptroller’s Office ”	170 00
“ Jurors’ Fees ”	225 01
Total	<u>\$3,009 11</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to “ The College of the City of New York,” for the year 1878, entitled “ For Repairs to Buildings,” which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to “ The College of the City of New York,” for the year 1878, entitled “ For Salaries of Professors and Officers, Scientific Apparatus, Books,” etc., which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

The Comptroller presented the following communication :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, December 27, 1878.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Gentlemen—I have the honor to request you to transfer from the appropriation for salary of the Counsel to the Corporation the sum of one hundred and one $\frac{42}{100}$ (\$101 $\frac{42}{100}$) dollars to the appropriation for this year of the "Salaries of Asslstants, Clerks, and Messengers" of this office.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully yours,

W. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

—and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and one dollars and forty-two cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made for "Law Department—Salary of the Counsel to the Corporation," for the year 1878, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for the same Department, for "Salaries of Assistants, Clerks, and Messengers," for the year 1878, for which it is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The CHAIRMAN presented a communication from the "General Committee to Canvass for City Charities," asking for an appropriation of five hundred dollars.

Which was referred to and the original sent to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following:

At a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held at the Court House in the City of New York, on the 28th day of December, 1878.

Present—HON. NOAH DAVIS, Justice.

The People of the State of New York on the relation of the Trustees of the College of the City of New York against The Mayor of the City of New York, the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments of said City, constituting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

On reading the affidavit of Lawrence D. Kiernan, sworn on the 28th day of December, 1878, and on motion of Stephen A.

Walker, of counsel for the said relator, it is ordered that the Mayor of the City of New York, the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments of said City, constituting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, above named, show cause at a Special Term of this Court, to be held at the Chambers of the Justices thereof in the Court House in the City of New York, on the 30th day of December, 1878, at 10½ o'clock in the forenoon, or so soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why the said Board of Estimate and Apportionment should not be compelled forthwith to insert in the final estimate for the year 1879, provided for by section 112 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the sum of one hundred and forty thousand dollars as and for the use, maintenance and support of the College of the City of New York, or why said relator should not have such further or other relief as may be just, or why a peremptory mandamus should not issue to the persons hereinabove named, composing the said Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in the usual form, and requiring them to do the acts above mentioned.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order, together with a copy of the affidavit upon which the same is founded, be served on the said persons hereinabove named on or before the 28th day of December, instant.

(Signed)

NOAH DAVIS,
J. S. C.

City, County, and State of New York, ss. :

Lawrence D. Kiernan, of said City, being duly sworn, says :
I am and have been for several years past Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New York.

As required by law, said Board of Trustees, on or before the 15th day of November of the present year, reported to the

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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1878—12 o'clock M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 28, 1878, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the executors of the late George Kellock, asking for an appropriation to pay the amount advanced by him as "Superintendent of the Out-door Poor."

Which was referred to the Commissioners of the Department of Charities and Correction.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand and sixty-five dollars and twelve cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for "Interest on the City Debt," 1876, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations for the year 1878, which are insufficient or require the same, viz.:

"Contingencies—Comptroller's office".....	\$1,029 98
"Salaries—Judiciary, the Surrogate's office, Chief Clerk, Clerks, Assistants, Stenographers, Attendants, and Messenger".....	1,527 13
"Election Expenses"	1,508 01
Total.....	<u>\$4,065 12</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, }
December 27, 1878.

To the Board of Apportionment :

Gentlemen,—I have to ask your Board to transfer from the contingencies of 1878 to the contingencies of 1877, for this

office, the sum of \$126.91. This amount is needed to pay bill of Banks Brothers for law books furnished in 1877, amounting to \$102.40, and also to pay bill of the Law Telegraph Company of \$24.51, for the month of December, 1877. These bills were not rendered until recently, and the whole balance of 1877 had been previously transferred to 1878. A re-transfer, I am informed by the Comptroller, is necessary in order to meet these bills. I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BENJ. K. PHELPS,

District Attorney.

—and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and twenty-six dollars and ninety-one cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made for "Contingencies—District Attorney's Office," for the year 1878, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for "Contingencies—District Attorney's Office" for the year 1877, which is insufficient and requires the same.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, No. 301 MOTT STREET, }
NEW YORK, December 24, 1878. }

HON. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller. etc.* :

Sir—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and is hereby, respectfully requested to transfer from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for "Health Fund for 1876 and 1877," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, the sum of seven thousand four hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$7,482.57) for the purpose of paying for the printing, charts, tables, and binding of 1,000 copies of the Annual Reports of the Board of Health for the years 1874 and 1875, to the appropriation for "Printing, Stationery and Blank Books for the year 1878."

(A true copy.)

EMMONS CLARK,
Secretary.

—and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of seven thousand four hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for "Health Fund—For Small-pox Hospital and Care of Contagious Diseases," 1877, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Printing, Stationery and Blank Books," 1878, for which it is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution,

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Board of Aldermen—3.*

*Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and
Assessments—1.*

The SECRETARY presented the following communications :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, December 27, 1878. }

HON. JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Sir—In regard to appropriation for "Repairs and Maintenance to Croton Aqueduct," permit me to call the attention of the Board to inclosed report of Engineer as to the condition of large pipe connecting aqueduct with reservoir. The break has occurred since my estimate of \$115,000 was asked for.

These repairs must be made next season, and the amount I have asked is really necessary.

Yours, respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, December 16, 1878. }

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Esq.,

Commissioner of Public Works :

Sir,—Yesterday, December 15, the west 6-foot pipe (laid by the Croton Aqueduct Board in 1866, to replace the aqueduct

between Ninetieth and Eighty-fifth street), gave out at the junction of Eighth avenue and Ninetieth street. The curved pipe that broke is split in four pieces lengthways of the pipe. There are ten more of the pipes that are cracked more or less, and require repairs. From the present rough examination of the interior of the pipes, it will cost at least \$5,000 to repair these pipes.

Respectfully yours,

G. W. BIRDSALL,

*First Assistant Engineer Cro-
ton Aqueduct, in Charge of
Bureau.*

Which were laid over.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet to-morrow (Tuesday), December 31, 1878, at 2 o'clock P. M.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY HALL. }

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1878.—2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 30, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of ninety-five dollars and fifty-one cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Salaries—Department of Taxes and

Assessments," 1877, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Cleaning Markets," 1878, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York,
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

The Corporation Counsel having appeared before the Board, and stated that he had written an opinion and was ready to submit the same to the Board, to the effect that the expenses of the Dock Department were not to be included in the annual estimate, and raised by taxation ; stated, further, that he had conferred with Judge James Emott upon the subject, and it was suggested by him, after consultation with Professor Dwight, that the opinion sent in upon the subject by the Reform Society be withdrawn, and the request for an opinion from the Corporation Counsel be also withdrawn, as a final disposition of the matter.

Resolved, By the Board, that the disposition of the matter suggested be approved by this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The objections to, and rectifications of, the Provisional Estimate for 1879, made by the Board of Aldermen, was acted upon, as follows :

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with the following item :

Add the following to the appropriations made to the Common Council: For legal expenses incurred by the Common Council in 1878, in defending the members thereof on indictment for passing ordinances relating to pretended obstructions in the streets. Approved by the Common Council by resolution adopted October 14, 1878..... \$10,000 00

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with the following items :

Free Floating Baths, amended as follows : Free Floating Baths, including construction and maintenance of one additional bath, to be located at the Battery.....	\$23,500 00
Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues—Reduced from \$3,000 to.....	1,500 00
Repairing Streets and Avenues, under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875—Increased from \$300,000 to.....	500,000 00
Public Charities and Correction—Increase amount for support of out-door poor from \$10,000 to	60,000 00
Public Parks—Add new item as follows : Repairing and reflagging walks in and around the City Hall Park and other City Parks.....	129,930 00
Supplies for Police—Increase from \$60,000.....	70,000 00
Salaries—City Courts, Police Courts—Add item as follows : Salaries, six janitors.....	7,200 00
Salaries—District Courts—Add Salaries, ten janitors.....	12,000 00
Police—Salaries of Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Post and Gate-keepers, and Night Watchmen, Department of Public Parks—Increase from \$75,000 to.....	110,000 00
Cleaning Streets under Police Department—Salaries, etc., etc., under this head, increased from \$650,000 to	754,231 25
Add to Police Department :	
Purchase of lot and erection of new Station-house for Sixth Precinct Police.....	50,000 00

Building new Station-house for Twenty-eighth Precinct Police.....	40,000 00
Repairing and renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc., reduced from \$75,000 to.....	50,000 00
Police Department—Add for pay of one hundred additional Policemen.....	150,000 00

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The President of the Board of Aldermen—1.

*Negative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following preamble, resolution, and final estimate for the support of the City Government for the year 1879:

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment have considered the objections to, and rectifications of, the Provisional Estimate made by said Board on the 31st day of October, 1878, of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York, in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the next ensuing financial year, to wit, for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine (1879); in which estimate is included such sum as is necessary for the payment of the interest on the bonds of the said City and County, which become due and payable within said year, and also such sum as is necessary to be raised by tax to pay the principal of any bonds and stocks which become due and payable during

the said year ; also the amount to be raised by tax annually, which will be sufficient, with the accumulations of interest thereon, to pay the bonds and stocks, payable from taxation, issued after June 3, 1878, pursuant to chapter 883, Laws of 1878 : and also so much as may be necessary to pay the proportion of the State tax required to be paid by the City and County of New York, in said year ; which objections to, and rectifications of, said Provisional Estimate made by the Board of Aldermen, were transmitted by the Clerk of said Board, under date of November 30, 1878, and presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 9, 1878 ; therefore,

Resolved, That after such consideration of the said objections to, and rectifications of, said Provisional Estimate, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment does hereby make this a

FINAL ESTIMATE

of the amount required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York, in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the next ensuing financial year, to wit, the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine (1879), in which is included such sum as is necessary for the payment of the interest on the bonds of the said City and County, which become due and payable within said year, and also such sum as is necessary to be raised by tax to pay the principal of any bonds and stocks which become due and payable during the said year ; also the amount to be raised by tax annually, which will be sufficient, with the accumulations of interest thereon, to pay the bonds and stocks, payable from taxation, issued after June 3,

1878, pursuant to chapter 383, Laws of 1878; and also so much as may be necessary to pay the proportion of the State tax required to be paid by the City and County of New York, in said year, as follows :

FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1879.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

CITY CONTINGENCIES.....	\$1,000 00
CONTINGENCIES—CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.....	250 00

SALARIES—COMMON COUNCIL:

President of the Board of Aldermen.....	\$5,000 00
Twenty-one Aldermen, at \$4,000 each	84,000 00
Clerks and officers, Board of Aldermen.....	18,000 00
	<hr/> 107,000 00

Legal expenses incurred by the Common Council in 1878, in defending the members thereof, on indictment for passing ordinances relating to pretended obstructions in the streets, under resolution of the Common Council of October 14, 1878... ..	10,000 00
	<hr/> \$118,250 00

THE MAYORALTY.

CONTINGENCIES—MAYOR'S OFFICE.....	\$4,000 00
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SALARIES—MAYOR'S OFFICE:

Salary of the Mayor.....	\$12,000 00
Salaries of Clerks and subordinates.....	18,000 00
	<hr/> 30,000 00
Salaries—Bureau of Permits	12,000 00
	<hr/> \$46,000 00

THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

EXPENSES OF CONDUCTING THE DEPARTMENT:

Cleaning markets.....	\$25,000 00
Contingencies—Comptroller's office	7,500 00

SALARIES—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

Salary of the Comptroller.	\$10,000 00	
Salaries of the Attaches of the Department.....	173,400 00	
Salaries of 25 Temporary Clerks in the Bureau for the Collec- tion of Taxes, in months of October, November, and De- cember, at \$3 per day, each..	6,600 00	
		190,000 00
Salaries—Chamberlain's office.....	30,000 00	
		<u>252,500 00</u>

EXPENSES OF CONDUCTING THE CITY GOVERNMENT:

FOR THE STATE.

STATE TAXES:

For General Purposes, $1\frac{531}{1000}$ mills, as per Chapter 289, Laws of 1878	\$1,979,495 52
For Canals, $\frac{3}{10}$ mill, as per Chap- ter 140, Laws of 1878.....	387,882 86
For salary of Shore Inspector, as per Chapter 604, Laws of 1875.....	1,527 90
	<u>\$2,368,906 28</u>

Common Schools for the State:

For Common Schools, $1\frac{480}{1000}$ mills, as per Chapter 289, Laws of 1878.....	1,382,155 91
	<u>3,751,062 19</u>

INTEREST ON THE DEBT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Interest on the City Debt.....	\$8,790,153 84
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REDEMPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE CITY DEBT.

Redemption of the City Debt:

For amount to be raised by tax and applied to
the redemption of the City Debt due in 1879,
pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 383, Laws
of 1878, and resolution of the Commission-
ers of the Sinking Fund, adopted October
22, 1878..... \$1,000,000 00

Redemption of the Debt of the annexed Territory
of Westchester County:

Town of Morrisania \$27,000 00

Town of West Farms..... 16,000 00

County of Westchester, for pro-
portion of Bounty Loan and
Central Park Avenue Bonds,
incurred on account of an-
nexed towns..... 25,110 38

68,110 38

For redemption of Consolidated Stock of the City
of New York, due November 1, 1879, issued
and to be issued pursuant to Chapter 411,
Laws of 1878..... 50,000 00

For redemption of Revenue Bonds of the City of
New York, payable November 1, 1879, issued
pursuant to Chapter 213, Laws of 1871..... 5,000 00

For redemption of Revenue Bonds of the City of
New York, payable November 1, 1879, issued
pursuant to Chapter 418, Laws of 1877..... 775 50

For amount to be raised by tax annually, sufficient,
with the accumulations of interest thereon, to
pay the bonds and stocks, payable from tax-
ation, issued after June 3, 1878, pursuant to
Section 8, Chapter 383, Laws of 1878..... 36,179 55

For redemption of New York City Bonds, for
construction of a bridge over Harlem river,
due November 1, 1879, issued pursuant to
Chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and Chapter 329,
Laws of 1874..... 4,380 87

1,164,446 30

MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

Armories and Drill-rooms

For wages of Armorer, in pursuance of Section 39, Chapter 223, Laws of 1875..\$17,520 00

Armories and Drill-rooms—Rent of :

For rent of the following premises for Armories and Drill-rooms, under leases made in conformity with Section 120, Chapter 223, Laws of 1875, viz. :

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessors.	For what purposes.	Location of Premises.	Term of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided for in 1879.
1876.						
May 16.	Wm. D. F. & Ed. A. Manice..	71st Regt.	Second story building on Broadway, Sixth avenue, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets.....	Three years from May 1, 1876, if renewed	\$12,000 estim't'd	\$6,000 00 6,000 00
May 10.	Valentine G. Hall, sole surviving executor.	22d Regt.	Fourteenth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues....	Five years from May 1, 1876...	15,000	15,000 00
May 18.	Cassius H. Read....	5th Regt.	Halls and premises on 2d story of buildings Nos. 139, 141 and 143 West Twenty-third st., etc.	Five years from May 1, 1876...	7,500	7,500 00
1877.						
Jan'y 6.	Chas. W. Dickel..	First Troop Caval'y	Nos. 7, 9 and 11 W. 13th street.....	Five years from Jan. 1, 1877...	5,500	5,500 00
Jan'y 8.	M a r y Combes and Lewis H Combes, her husband ...	Companies A, G & K. 27th Reg't..	2d floor of Morrisania Hall, Railroad Avenue, bet'n 166th and 167th sts..	Two years from Jan. 1, 1877, if renewed.	750 00 estim't'd	..... 750 00
Dec. 29.	R. T. Ford.	Wash'n Gray Troop.	2d story of building, south side of 45th street, near Broadway	Three years and four months from Jan. 1, 1878...	2,000	2,000 00
Dec. 29.	R. T. Ford.,	12th Regt.	2d story of building, east side of Broadway, bet. 44th & 45th streets.	Three years and four months from Jan. 1, 1878...	7,000	7,000 00

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessor.	For what purposes.	Location of Premises.	Term of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided in 1879.
1878. Jan 4.	Marietta R. Stevens, ex'x. & John L. Melcher & Chas. G. Stevens, ex'rs of the estate of Paran Stevens.	9th Regt.	26th street, between 6th and 7th Aves.	Three years and four months from Jan. 1, 1878...	\$8,000	\$8,000 00
April 9.	C. H. Reed.	Battery K	First floor, &c. of building Nos. 139, 141 & 143 W. 23d st.	Three years, from May 1, 1878, for 6 mos.	3,000 in 1878..	3,000 00 1,500 00 \$62,250 00

Rents:

For payment of rent of property leased to the Corporation for public offices and other public purposes, except armories and drill-rooms, as follows:

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessors.	For what purpose.	Location of Premises.	Expiration of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided in 1879.
1870. May 2.	Morgan Jones	First District Police Court	Nos. 106, 108, and 110 Centre street...	May 1, 1880	\$7,500 00	\$7,500 00
1874. June 19.	John Schapert.....	Fourth District Civil Court	Northeast corner of 2d ave. and 1st street.	May 1, 1879	2,500 00	1,250 00
1874. Feb. 19	Wm. T. and Daniel C. Blodgett....	Ninth District Civil and Fifth District Police Courts.....	125th and 126th streets, 4th and Lexington aves.	If renewed.	estimated	1,250 00
1875. May 8.	John B. Harkin.....	Sixth District Police and Tenth District Civil Courts.....	Northeast cor. of Kingsbridge road and College avenue, 24th Ward.....	Dec. 31, 1883	8,000 00	8,000 00
				May 1, 1880	1,500 00	1,500 00

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessors.	For what purpose.	Location of Premises.	Expiration of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided in 1879.
1876. Nov. 26.	Charles Johnson	Eighth District Court	South west corner 7th ave. and 22d street.....	Jan. 1, 1882	\$3,000 00	\$3,000 00
1878. May 1.	Catherine Bradley	Sixth District Civil Court	South west corner 4th avenue and 18th street..	May 1, 1883	1,200 00	1,200 00
1876. April 25	New York Dispensary	Reception Hospital	North west corner Centre and White sts....	May 1, 1880	9,500 00	9,500 00
1876. July 19.	Dennis Kennedy or Jane M. Cudlipp, pres't owner	Reception Hospital	90th street, between 9th and 10th avenues....	May 1, 1880	1,500 00	1,500 00
1875. Feb. 8.	Reuben Smith	Department of Buildings	No. 2 Fourth avenue, 2d, 3d, and 4th floors.....	May 1, 1879 If renewed	3,500 00 estimated	1,750 00 1,750 00
1876. April 10	Jane de Zea	Excise Office..	No. 40 East Houston st.	May 1, 1881	3,000 00	3,000 00
1876. April 24	Mary A. Schanck, executrix	Marine Court.	No. 27 Chambers street, 2d, 3d and 5th floor....	May 1, 1880	12,000 00	12,000 00
1876. April 29	Oswald Ottendorfer	Counsel to the Corporation	Staats Zeitung Building, 3d floor	May 1, 1881	7,500 00	7,500 00
1871. Feb. 10.	Benjn. Moore.	Form'rly used as stables by Police Department...	South side of West 24th st., between 10th and 11th aves...	Mar 1, 1892	500 00	500 00
						\$61,200 0

Coroners' Post-mortem Examinations :

As authorized by chapter 620, Laws of 1875..... 1,000 00

Judgments and Claims :

For Judgments recovered against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, not otherwise provided for, and for payment of claims adjusted pursuant to law.....

450,000 00

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Expenses of.....

200,000 00

THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

CONTINGENCIES—LAW DEPARTMENT (including expenses of the Justice Pinckney investigation, and expenses of preparing a draft codification of the laws relating to the City, and also including \$2,500 to pay Counsel for the City in the matter of the litigation relating to the Brooklyn Bridge). \$37,500 00

CONTINGENCIES—CORPORATION ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. 500 00

CONTINGENCIES—PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE. 1,000 00

SALARIES—LAW DEPARTMENT:

(Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.)

Salary of the Counsel to the Corporation.	\$15,000 00	
Salaries of Assistants, Clerks and Messengers	65,000 00	
	<hr/>	80,000 00

(Bureau of Corporation Attorney.)

Salary of Corporation Attorney.	\$6,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks, Assistants and Janitor	6,000 00	
	<hr/>	12,000 00

(Bureau of Public Administrator.)

Salary of Public Administrator.	\$5,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks and Assistants.	3,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,000 00

Salaries—Bureau of the Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes.

Salary of the Attorney.	\$5,000 00	
Salary of the Clerk.	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	6,500 00
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		\$106,500 00

For procuring and presenting evidence relative to frauds on the City and County of New York prior to January 1, 1872. 10,000 00

\$155,500 00

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

AQUEDUCT—REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.....	\$92,000 00
BOULEVARDS, ROADS AND AVENUES, MAINTENANCE OF	31,000 00
CONTINGENCIES—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS...	2,500 00
FLAGGING SIDEWALKS AND FENCING VACANT LOTS IN FRONT OF CITY PROPERTY	1,000 00
FREE FLOATING BATHS, including the sum of \$9,500 for the construction and maintenance of a bath to be located at the Battery.....	19,000 00
LAMPS AND GAS.....	524,000 00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS—CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS, IN- CLUDING REPAIRS TO ARMORIES	33,000 00
PUBLIC DRINKING-HYDRANTS.....	\$4,000 00
REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN STREETS AND AVENUES.	1,500 00
REPAIRING AND RENEWALS OF PIPES, STOP-COCKS, &C.	62,500 00
REPAVING STREETS AND AVENUES UNDER CHAPTER 476, LAWS OF 1875.....	300,000 00
REPAIRS AND RENEWAL OF PAVEMENTS.....	150,000 00
ROADS AND AVENUES AND SPRINKLING.....	18,000 00

SALARIES—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

To pay entirely the Salaries of all Officers, Engineers,
Superintendents, Inspectors, Clerks, and other
Employees of the Department, viz.:

FOR GENERAL SALARY-ROLL OF THE
DEPARTMENT..... \$92,000 00

FOR SALARIES CHARGED TO:

Aqueduct, Repairs, and Maintenance..	13,760 00
Boulevards, Roads, and Avenues, Main- tenance of	4,000 00
Free Floating Baths.....	4,000 00
Lamps and Gas.....	6,000 00
Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs.....	2,000 00
Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues	2,000 00
Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop- cocks, etc.....	25,000 00

Repaving, under ch.p. 476, Laws of 1875	6,000 00	
Sewers, Repairing and Cleaning.....	8,800 00	
Supplying Water to Shipping and for Building Purposes	8,000 00	
Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices, exclusive of Salaries of Jani- tors in Civil and Police Courts.....	15,366 00	
	<hr/>	186,926 00
SEWERS—REPAIRING AND CLEANING.....	46,200 00	
STREET IMPROVEMENTS—FOR STREET SIGNS, &c....	1,000 00	
SUPPLIES FOR AND CLEANING PUBLIC OFFICES, IN- CLUDING THE PURCHASE OF LAW BOOKS, AND IN- CLUDING THE PAY OF CLEANERS.....	60,234 00	
WELLS AND PUMPS—REPAIRING AND CLEANING...	1,500 00	
BRIDGE ACROSS FOURTH AVENUE, AT ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH STREET, UNDER CHAPTER 393, LAWS OF 1878.....	17,500 00	
EXPENSE OF GRADING, PAVING, ETC., THE FORT GANSEVOORT PROPERTY, AND FITTING UP THE SAME FOR USE AS A STAND FOR FARMERS' WAGONS FOR THE SALE OF GARDEN PRODUCE, UNDER RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.....	25,000 00	
	<hr/>	1,576,860 00

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MAINTENANCE AND GOVERNMENT OF PARKS AND PLACES:

FOR SALARIES—To pay entirely the salaries of the president, clerks, engineers, architects and all other employees of the department, excepting mechanics, gardeners, and laborers and their foremen employed on the work of maintaining the Parks and Places, excepting also those employed in the Zoological Department, excepting also the Topographical Engineer and his assistants in charge of surveying,

monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer-in-Charge of public places, roads, avenues and bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	\$35,000 00
POLICE—Salaries of captain, lieutenant, sergeants, patrolmen, post and gate-keepers, and night watchmen.....	95,000 00
For all supplies and for wages of foremen, gardeners, mechanics and laborers employed on works of maintenance, except those employed in the Zoological Department, and including the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory.....	\$150,000 00
For the keeping, preservation, and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of the Central Park.....	15,000 00
For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	25,000 00
	<hr/> \$320,000 00
HARLEM RIVER BRIDGES—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	10,000 00
MUSIC—Central Park.....	4,000 00
For the equipment and furnishing of the building of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and for other purposes, in pursuance of Chapter 385, Laws of 1878.....	30,000 00
SURVEYING, LAYING OUT AND MONUMENTING Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of island.....	10,000 00
MAINTENANCE AND GOVERNMENT OF PUBLIC PLACES, Roads, Avenues and Bridges, including Bridges over Bronx River, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	25,000 00
For making and completing maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, as provided by chapter 411, Laws of 1876...	10,000 00

For laying new walks and repairing the old walks in and around the following public parks and places, viz :

City Hall Park, Canal Street Park, Christopher Street Park, Washington Square, Tompkins Square, Squares at Thirty-second and Thirty-fifth streets and Sixth avenue, Reservoir Square, Stuyvesant Square, Mount Morris Park, East River Park.....	50,000 00	
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	20,000 00	
	<hr/>	479,000 00

THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

CONTINGENCIES—Department of Buildings.....	\$3,500 00	
SALARIES—Department of Buildings.....	68,000 00	
	<hr/>	71,500 00

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION :

FOR SALARIES.—To pay the salaries of the officers and employees of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, including additional nurses and keepers for the insane.....	\$307,000 00
FOR SUPPLIES.—For all supplies for the Department of Public Charities and Correction, including \$40,000 for support of Out-door Poor, and for maintenance of children transferred from Randall's Island Nursery to various institutions.....	830,000 00
For Repairs and Alterations to Buildings and Apparatus.....	25,000 00
For Poor Adult Blind.....	20,000 00
For the erection of two towers at Bellevue Hospital.....	10,000 00
For rebuilding the Lodge at Blackwell's Island	25,000 00
For building two new pavilions for Insane Women on Hart's Island.....	10,000 00

For rebuilding the gas-works on Blackwell's Island, and repairs to gas-works on other islands	15,000 00	
For two new boilers, to take the place of the boilers at Bellevue Hospital and the Penitentiary, which are unsafe and dangerous.....	15,000 00	
	<hr/>	1,257,000 00

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**HEALTH FUND:**

For salaries.....	\$108,000 00	
" law expenses, including Marshals' Fees....	3,000 00	
" Disinfection.....	10,000 00	
" Contingent expenses.....	4,000 00	
" Removal of Night Soil, Offal and Dead Animals.....	40,000 00	
	<hr/>	165,000 00

FUND FOR SMALL POX HOSPITAL AND CARE OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES:

For Salaries... ..	\$8,000 00	
" Supplies.....	17,000 00	
	<hr/>	25,000 00
	<hr/>	190,000 00

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**POLICE FUND:**

For salaries of Commissioners of Police.....	\$26,000 00	
For salary of Superintendent of Police.....	6,000 00	
For salaries of 4 Inspectors of Police	14,000 00	
For salaries of 19 Surgeons.....	42,750 00	
For salaries of 35 Captains, at \$2,000 each.....	70,000 00	
For salaries of 140 Sergeants, at \$1,600 each....	224,000 00	
For salaries of 2,261 Patrolmen, at \$1,200 each....	2,713,200 00	
For salaries of 78 Doormen, at \$900 each.....	70,200 00	
For salaries of Clerks, Deputies, Stenographers, Superintendent of Telegraph, Telegraph Operators, Messengers, Cleaners, Steamboat and all other employees.....	40,000 00	
	<hr/>	3,206,150 00
For building and completing two new Station-houses, one of which shall be in the Sixth Ward.....		60,000 00

POLICE STATION-HOUSES—RENTS :

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessors.	For what Purpose.	Location of Premises.	Expiration of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be Provided in 1879.
1870. Jan. 4	Peter Goelet and others..	29th Precinct Police.....	No. 34 East 29th street..	1885. May 1	\$1,600 00	{ Croton water taxes and assessments. \$1,600 00
1874. Aug. 1	Joseph H. Godwin.....	35th Precinct Police.....	Twenty-fourth Ward.....	1884. Aug. 1	1,700 00	{ All taxes, . Croton, repairs, &c., 1,700 00
1875. April 10	John Theiss..	30th Precinct Police.....	Lawrence st., bet. Broadway and 10th ave., Manhattanville..	1880. May 1	1,450 00	{ Croton water, 1,450 00
1875. April 8	Peter and Robert Goelet..	1st Precinct Police.....	Nos. 52 and 54 New street..	1880. May	4,500 00	{ Croton and all taxes (and repairs, 4,500 00
1878. April 17	Charles E. Quackenbush.	Inspector's Office, 3d District.....	Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, Third avenue and 86th st., Parepa Hall...	1879. May 1	480 00	480 00
1878. March 8	Herman T. Livingston..	Inspector's Office, 4th District.....	Eighth ave., near south-east corner of 130th st..	1879. May 1	420 00	Repairs..... 420 00
1878. April 30	Helen R. Perkins and others.....	Inspector's Office, 2d District.....	First story No. 112 West 14th street..	1879. May 1	900 00	900 00
Add for Repairs, Croton Water Rents, etc.....						\$10,950 00 1 000 00
						\$11,950 00

POLICE STATION-HOUSES:

Alterations, fitting up, additions to, and repairs of station-houses, steamboat <i>Seneca</i> , and Central Department.	\$20,000 00
Supplies for Police.	60,000 00

CLEANING STREETS UNDER POLICE DEPARTMENT:

For salaries of clerks, inspectors, foremen, steamboat superintendents, and employees, wages of sweepers, laborers, watchmen, trimmers, cart-drivers and hostlers; expenses for hired carts, supplies, new scows, harness, horses, and carts, rent of stables, and all expenses for this purpose; including \$7,500 for scows to receive the ashes, garbage or rubbish from the steamers plying in the Harbor of New York, as provided by chapter 148, Laws of 1875; and including a sum not exceeding \$40,000 for removing snow and ice.	690,000 00
	<hr/> \$4,048,100 00

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND;**

For salaries, viz.:

Headquarters pay-roll.	\$42,400 00
Telegraph force pay-roll.	27,720 00
Repair shop pay-roll.	43,000 00
Bureau of combustibles pay-roll. .	12,200 00
Bureau of fire marshal pay-roll. .	7,200 00
Bureau of chief of department pay-roll.	32,700 00
Superintendent of horses pay-roll	7,000 00
Pay of foremen, assistant foremen, engineers, firemen, ladder men and hosemen, of engine and hook and ladder companies and of the fire steamboat.	875,750 00
	<hr/> \$1,049,970 00

For building three new Engine-houses. 80,000 00

For apparatus, supplies, &c. :

For new apparatus, horses, rents, hose, and all supplies and expenses of the Department not otherwise provided for, including maintenance of fire steamboat, and for repairs and alterations of buildings.....	175,000 00	
	<hr/>	1,254,970 00

THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

CONTINGENCIES—DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS	\$900 00	
SALARIES—DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS:		
Salaries of Commissioners. \$16,500 00		
Salaries of Deputies, Clerks, and employees.	73,100 00	
	<hr/>	89,600 00
SALARIES—Board of Assessors:		
Salaries of the Assessors and their Clerks..	17,400 00	
	<hr/>	107,900 00

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:

For salaries of Teachers, Janitors, Superintendents, Clerks and employees; for supplies, rents, incidental expenses, and current repairs to buildings, furniture, and heating apparatus, including the expense of compulsory education, as provided by Chap. 421, Laws of 1874; and for the support of the Nautical School established by Chapter 288, Laws of 1873; and all expenses of the Board of Education not included under any other head of account; for purchasing, leasing and procuring sites, and erecting buildings; furnishing, fitting up, altering, enlarging, and repairing buildings and premises under the charge of the Board of Education, and for repairing the furniture and heating apparatus; for the support of schools which shall have been organized since the last annual apportionment of school moneys: and such further sum or sums as may be necessary for any of the purposes authorized by law; and for school moneys apportioned to the corporate schools.....	3,400,000 00
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THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:

For Salaries of Professors and Officers, scientific Apparatus, Books and Supplies, support and maintenance, and all other expenses, including repairs to buildings.....	\$140,000 00	
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ADVERTISING, PRINTING, STATIONERY, AND BLANK BOOKS.

PUBLICATION OF THE "CITY RECORD".....	\$22,500 00	
"CITY RECORD,"—SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES....	7,200 00	
ADVERTISING—Including the expense of advertising a summary of the Official Canvass of the Election	7,500 00	
PRINTING, STATIONERY AND BLANK BOOKS:		
For all printing, stationery and Blank Books required by the Common Council, the Departments and Offices of the City Government, except printing the "City Record," including the publishing of Calendars of Courts, under Chapter 656, Laws of 1874.....	100,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$137,200 00

MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

CORONER'S FEES:

Salaries of four Physicians, at \$3,000 each, under Chapter 256, Laws of 1878.....	\$12,000 00	
For fees of Coroners, as authorized by Chapter 565, Laws of 1868; and for salary of clerk to the Board of Coroners, as provided by Chapter 462, Laws of 1871	58,000 00	
	<hr/>	70,000 00
CONTINGENCIES—DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.....	4,000 00	
DISBURSEMENTS AND FEES OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND WITNESSES, EXCLUSIVE OF SHERIFF'S FEES.....	5,000 00	
ELECTION EXPENSES.....	135,000 00	
JURORS' FEES—Including expenses of jurors in criminal trials....	35,000 00	
HARBOR INCUMBRANCES—Removal of.....	1,000 00	

SALARIES—COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS:

For salaries of two Commissioners of Accounts, at \$3,000 each	\$6,000 00	
For clerk hire	4,000 00	
	<hr/>	10,000 00
Support of prisoners in County Jail, in pursuance of Chapter 251, Laws of 1875		15,000 00
Sheriff's fees		40,000 00
Board of Estimate and Apportionment—Expenses of		2,000 00
Salary of the Physician to the Jail of the City and County of New York, as provided for in the new Code of Civil Procedure...		1,000 00
For the Support, Treatment, and Care of Pauper, Destitute, and Delinquent Children, committed to Asylums and Institutions, under chapter 404, Laws of 1878		10,000 00

SALARIES OF JANITORS OF CIVIL AND POLICE COURTS:

To pay Salaries of twelve Janitors, at \$1,200
each per annum, in the Civil and Police
Courts, as follows:

One in First District Civil Court	\$1,200 00	
One in Second District Civil Court	1,200 00	
One in Fourth District Civil Court	1,200 00	
One in Fifth District Civil Court	1,200 00	
One in Sixth District Civil Court	1,200 00	
One in Eighth District Civil Court	1,200 00	
One in First District Police Court	1,200 00	
One in Third District Police Court	1,200 00	
One in Third District Civil and Second District Police Courts	1,200 00	
One in Seventh District Civil and Fourth Dis- trict Police Courts	1,200 00	
One in Ninth District Civil and Fifth District Police Courts	1,200 00	
One in Tenth District Civil and Sixth District Police Courts	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	14,400 00

(The above appropriation of \$14,400 is made specially, as no provision is otherwise made in this Final Estimate for the salaries of the Janitors of these Courts. No portion of this appropriation however, is to be paid by the Comptroller until the question is

judicially determined on an adjusted case or otherwise, in whom by law the appointment of Janitors of these Courts is placed. It is claimed on one hand that the appointment is in the Board of Police Justices and the Justices of the Civil Courts, and on the other, that the appointment is in the Commissioner of Public Works. The City is not to be burdened with the expense of two sets of Janitors.)

THE JUDICIARY.

SALARIES—CITY COURTS:

(Police Courts.)

Salaries of eleven Police Justices, at \$8,000 each per annum.....	\$88,000 00
Salaries of Clerks, Attendants, Stenographers, interpreters, the Record Clerk, and Secretary of the Board of Police Justices...	62,600 00
	<hr/> \$150,600 00

(District Courts.)

Salaries of nine District Court Justices, at \$6,000 each per annum, and one at \$8,000 per annum	\$62,000 00
Salaries of clerks, stenographers, interpreters, and attendants...	117,200 00
	<hr/> 179,200 00
	<hr/> \$329,800 00

SALARIES—JUDICIARY:

(The Supreme Court.)

Five Justices, at \$11,500 each....	\$57,500 00
Clerks, criers, stenographers and librarian.....	34,500 00
Twenty-four attendants, at \$1,200 each.....	28,800 00
Compensation of judges from other districts.....	8,000 00
	<hr/> \$128,800 00

(The Superior Court.)

Six Justices, at \$15,000 each.....	\$90,000 00	
Clerks, assistants, and stenographers.....	46,200 00	
Fourteen attendants, at \$1,200 each.....	16,800 00	
	<hr/>	153,000 00

(The Court of Common Pleas.)

Six Justices, at \$15,000 each.....	\$90,000 00	
Clerks, assistants, and stenographers.....	48,000 00	
Fifteen attendants, at \$1,200.....	18,000 00	
	<hr/>	156,000 00

(The Marine Court.)

Six Justices, at \$10,000 each.....	\$60,000 00	
Stenographers and interpreters ..	7,500 00	
Clerks, deputy clerks, and assistant clerks.....	33,500 00	
Thirteen attendants, at \$1,200 each.....	15,600 00	
	<hr/>	\$116,600 00

(The Court of General Sessions and Oyer and Terminer.)

Clerk.....	\$7,000 00	
Deputy clerk.....	5,000 00	
Assistant clerk.....	3,000 00	
Two additional deputy clerks, one at \$2,500 and one at \$1,200. ..	3,700 00	
Stenographer.....	2,500 00	
Additional stenographer.....	2,000 00	
Interpreter.....	2,500 00	
Additional interpreter.....	1,200 00	
Thirty-six attendants, at \$1,200 each..	43,200 00	
	<hr/>	70,100 00

(The Court of Special Sessions.)

Clerk.....	\$6,000 00	
Deputy clerk.....	5,000 00	
Stenographer.....	2,500 00	
Interpreter	2,000 00	
Three subpoena servers at \$2,000 each.....	6,000 00	
Messenger.....	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	23,000 00

(The County Clerk's Office.)

County clerk, deputies, assistants, clerks and messenger.....	40,725 00
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(The Surrogate's Office.)

The Surrogate	\$12,000 00
Chief clerk, clerks, assistants, stenographers, attendants, and messenger.....	42,000 00
	<hr/> 54,000 00

(The District Attorney's Office.)

The District Attorney.....	\$12,000 00
Assistants, clerks, stenographers, and messenger.....	55,600 00
	<hr/> 67,600 00

(The Recorder's Office.)

The Recorder.....	\$12,000 00
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(The City Judge's Office.)

The City Judge.....	12,000 00
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(Judge of the Court of General Sessions.)

The Judge of the Court of General Sessions..	\$12,000 00
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(The Commissioner of Jurors.)

Salary of the Commissioner, in accordance with the opinion of the Corporation Counsel.....	15,000 00
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For deficiency in fines and penal- ties collected in 1878, requir- ed to pay part of the salaries of assistants, clerks, etc., in 1878.....	4,659 87
	<hr/> 19,659 87

8865,484 87

ASYLUMS, REFORMATORIES AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS:

(Chapter 739, Laws of 1867.)

For furnishing clothing for twelve inmates from New York County, at \$30 each.....	\$360 00
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AMERICAN FEMALE GUARDIAN SOCIETY AND HOME FOR
THE FRIENDLESS:

(Chapter 754, Laws of 1872).....	25,000 00
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CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY :

(Chapter 70, Laws of 1865.)..	\$10,000 00	
(Chapter 163, Laws of 1867.)..	30,000 00	
(Chapter 180, Laws of 1871.)..	30,000 00	
	<hr/>	70,000 00

CHILDREN'S FOLD OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:

(Chapter 506, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 48, at \$2 each per week	4,992 00
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**FOUNDLING ASYLUM, UNDER CHARGE OF THE SISTERS
OF CHARITY:**

(Chapter 635, Laws of 1872.)

(Chapter 644, Laws of 1874.)

(Chapter 43, Laws of 1877.)

Estimated average number of inmates 1,575, at 38 cents per day each.....	\$218,452 50
Estimated number of homeless or needy mothers nursing their own infants, 75, at \$18 each per month.....	16,200 00
	<hr/> 234,652 50

HEBREW BENEVOLENT AND ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY:

(Chapter 230, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of inmates 295, at \$110 each per annum	\$32,450 00
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HUDSON RIVER STATE HOSPITAL:

(Chapter 446, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 3, at \$4.50 per week each and expenses	780 00
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**INSTITUTION FOR IMPROVED INSTRUCTION OF DEAF
MUTES:**

(Chapter 725, Laws of 1867.)

(Chapter 180, Laws of 1870.)

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1875.)

For education and support of 35 county pupils, at \$300 each.....	\$10,500 00	
For clothing of 15 State pupils, at \$30 each.....	450 00	
	<hr/>	10,950 00

STITUTION FOR THE BLIND:

(Chapter 166, Laws of 1870.)

For clothing 125 pupils, at \$50 each..... 6,250 00

LE COUTEULX ST. MARY'S INSTITUTION FOR THE IMPROVED INSTRUCTION OF DEAF MUTES IN BUFFALO, N. Y.:

(Chapter 548, Laws of 1871.)

For education and support of 2 County

pupils, at \$300 each..... \$600 00

For clothing of 1 State pupil..... 30 00

630 00

NEW YORK CATHOLIC PROTECTOR:

(Chapter 647, Laws of 1866.)

(Chapter 428, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 2,150,

at \$110 each per annum..... 236,500 00

NEW YORK INFANT ASYLUM:

(Chapter 263, Laws of 1872.)

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1876.)

(Chapter 90, Laws of 1877.)

Estimated average number of chil-

dren 175, at 38 cents per day

each..... \$24,272 50

Estimated number of obstetrical

cases, 80, at \$25 each..... \$2,000 00

Estimated number of homeless or

needy mothers nursing their own

infants, 40, at \$18 each per

month..... 8,640 00

\$34,912 50

NEW YORK INFIRMARY FOR WOMEN AND

CHILDREN:

(Chapter 101, Laws of 1877.)

Estimated number of obstetrical cases

80, at \$25 each..... \$2,000 00

Estimated average number of home-

less and needy mothers nursing

their own infants, 3, at \$18 each

per month..... 648 00

2,648 00

NEW YORK JUVENILE ASYLUM:

(Chapter 245, Laws of 1866.)

Estimated number of inmates, 750, at \$110 per annum each.....	82,500 00
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NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB:

(Chapter 325, Laws of 1863.)

(Chapter 386, Laws of 1864.)

(Chapter 721, Laws of 1867.)

(Chapter 253, Laws of 1874.)

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1875.)

For furnishing clothing for 100

State pupils, at \$30 each..... \$3,000 00

For education and support of 58

County pupils, at \$300 each..... 17,400 00

 20,400 00
NEW YORK MAGDALEN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY:

(Chapter 409, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 36, at \$110 per year each	3,960 00
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NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE RUPTURED AND CRIPPLED:

(Chapter 835, Laws of 1872.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 175, at \$150 per annum each.....	\$26,250 00
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NEW YORK STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM:

(Chapter 135, Laws of 1842.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 2, at \$250 per annum each.....	500 00
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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL:

(Chapter 650, Laws of 1866.)

(Chapter 366, Laws of 1869.)

(Chapter 643, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of chil-

dren, 465, at \$120 per annum

each..... \$55,800 00

Estimated average number of lying-	
in women, 170, at \$260 per	
annum each.....	44,200 00
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	100,000 00

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL HOUSE OF MERCY :

(Chapter 409, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 28, at	
\$110 per annum each.....	3,080 00

ROMAN CATHOLIC HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD :

(Chapter 409, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 116, at	
\$110 per annum each.....	12,760 00

ST. JOSEPH'S IMPROVED INSTITUTE FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF DEAF MUTES :

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1875.)

(Chapter 378, Laws of 1877.)

For education and support of 40	
County pupils, at \$300 per annum	
each.....	\$12,000 00
For clothing of 24 State pupils at	
\$30 each.....	720 00
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	12,720 00

STATE ASYLUM FOR INSANE CRIMINALS AT AUBURN :

(Chapter 895, Laws of 1869.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 5, at \$4	
each per week and clothing.....	\$1,165 00

STATE HOMOEOPATHIC ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE :

(Chapter 446, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated number of inmates, 4, at \$4.50 per	
week each and clothing.....	1,040 00

UNION HOME AND SCHOOL FOR EDUCATION OF CHILDREN
OF VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS :

(Chapter 309, Laws of 1870.)

(Chapter 583, Laws of 1871.)

(Chapter 143, Laws of 1873.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 70, at

\$150 each per annum.....	10,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$935,000 00

Total appropriations	\$30,007,097 20
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Deduct amount of estimated revenues of the General Fund not

otherwise specifically appropriated by law.....	2,500,000 00
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Amount of Final Estimate.....	<hr/> <hr/> \$27,507,097 20
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Twenty-seven million, five hundred and seven thousand, and
ninety-seven dollars and twenty cents.

Dated New York City, Mayor's Office, December 31, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller,

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,

President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN WHEELER,

*President of the Department of Taxes
and Assessments.*

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would
agree with said resolution, and adopt said Final Estimate for
1879.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-
ments—4.*

In connection with the Final Estimate for 1879, the Comptroller presented the following statement :

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR 1878,
THE APPROPRIATIONS ASKED FOR BY THE DEPARTMENTS, AND
THE APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR 1879.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR 1878.	APPROPRIATIONS ASKED FOR BY DEPARTMENTS FOR 1879.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR 1879.
The Common Council.....	\$107,500 00	\$114,500 00	\$118,250 00
The Mayoralty.....	46,000 00	42,000 00	46,000 00
The Department of Finance....	225,000 00	252,500 00	252,500 00
State Taxes.....	3,911,326 66	3,751,062 19	3,751,062 19
Interest on the City Debt.....	9,164,383 65	8,790,153 84	8,790,153 84
Redemption of the the City Debt.....	1,155,297 66	1,165,599 54	1,164,446 30
Armories and Drill-rooms—			
Rents.....	69,037 50	62,250 00	62,250 00
Judgments and Claims.....	300,000 00	400,000 00	450,000 00
Rents—(Leases in Force).....	70,175 00	61,200 00	61,200 00
The Law Department.....	148,000 00	143,000 00	155,500 00
The Department of Public Works.....	1,611,100 00	1,796,500 00	1,576,860 00
The Department of Public Parks.....	341,000 00	667,920 00	479,000 00
The Department of Buildings..	70,000 00	75,000 00	71,500 00
The Department of Public Char- ities and Correction.....	1,160,000 00	1,355,541 00	1,257,000 00
The Health Department.....	190,000 00	218,416 00	190,000 00
The Police Department.....	3,999,895 00	4,116,611 00	4,048,100 00
The Fire Department.....	1,220,870 00	1,291,842 50	1,254,970 00
The Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	108,900 00	106,800 00	107,900 00
The Board of Education.....	3,400,000 00	3,384,000 00	3,400,000 00
The College of the City of New York.....	135,000 00	140,000 00	140,000 00
Advertising, Printing, Station- ery, and Blank Books.....	133,000 00	164,200 00	137,200 00
Salaries—City Courts.....	329,800 00	336,400 00	329,800 00
Salaries—Judiciary.....	853,225 00	864,025 00	865,484 87
Coroners' Fees.....	70,000 00	80,000 00	70,000 00
Sheriff's Fees.....	30,000 00	40,000 00	40,000 00
Election Expenses.....	135,000 00	143,500 00	135,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	170,726 15	92,870 00	117,920 00
Asylums, Reformatories and Charitable Institutions.....	948,840 50	1,120,181 50	935,000 00
Total.....	\$30,104,077 12	\$30,976,072 57	\$30,007,097 20

Which was placed on filed.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution, giving the reasons for the action of the Board on the objections to, and rectifications of the Provisional Estimate for 1879, made by the Board of Aldermen :

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen made certain "objections to and rectifications of" the Provisional Estimate for the year 1879, which were presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 9, 1878 ; and

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has duly considered such "objections and rectifications" as provided by Section 112 of the Laws of 1873 ; and

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has this day overruled said "objections and rectifications," made by the Board of Aldermen, in some cases, and adopted or amended them in other cases ; therefore

Resolved, That "the reasons" for such action by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in regard to each item, are as follows :

1. The addition of \$10,000 to the appropriation made made to the Common Council, "For legal expenses incurred by the Common Council in 1878, in defending the members thereof on indictment for passing ordinances relating to pretended obstructions in the streets," is approved and adopted as a necessary expense which has been incurred, and which it is just and proper should be so provided for.

2. The addition of \$11,500 to the appropriation for "Free Floating Baths, including construction and maintenance of one additional bath to be located at the Bat-

tery," is considered too large an increase for this object, and \$9,500 is added to the appropriation for "Free Floating Baths," for the purpose of providing for the construction and maintenance of a bath at the Battery.

3. The reduction of the appropriation for "Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues," from \$3,000 to \$1,500 it overruled, for the reason that the Commissioner of Public Works states that a larger appropriation is necessary, and the sum of \$2,000 is allowed under the head of "Salaries—Department of Public Works," to pay Inspectors of Incumbrances, and \$1,500 is allowed for the expense of removing incumbrances from the streets.

4. The increase of the appropriation for "Repaving Streets and Avenues," under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875, from \$300,000 to \$500,000, is overruled, because it is believed that the former sum is a sufficient amount to expend for this purpose in any one year.

5. The increase of the appropriation made to the Department of Public Charities and Correction for "Support of Out-door Poor," from \$40,000 to \$60,000, is overruled, because the provision for aiding and assisting the poor of all classes, in this City is so extensive and thorough, by the various charitable and benevolent institutions, and the appropriations made to them in pursuance of law, from annual taxes and Excise moneys, are for so large an amount that it is not deemed necessary to increase the appropriation for this purpose.

6. The addition of \$129,920 to the Department of Public Parks, for "Repairing and reflagging walks in and around the City Hall Park and other City Parks," is overruled as an excessive expenditure for this purpose, and an appro-

priation of \$50,000 is made for the purpose, which is believed to be sufficient.

7. The increase of the appropriation "Supplies for Police," from \$60,000 to \$70,000, is overruled as unnecessary.

8. The addition to the appropriation for "Salaries—City Courts," of the sum of \$19,200, to pay the salaries of six janitors in the Police Courts, and ten janitors in the District Courts, at \$1,200 each per annum, is overruled, and instead thereof a special appropriation of \$14,400 is made under the head of "Miscellaneous," to pay the "Salaries of Janitors in Civil and Police Courts," subject to the decision of the Courts upon the question to be submitted as to the lawful authority for the appointment of the janitors.

9. The increase of the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks, for "Police—Salaries of captains, lieutenants, sergeants, post and gate-keepers and night-watchmen," from \$75,000 to \$110,000, is overruled as an excessive amount, but the sum of \$25,000 is added to the original appropriation on account of apparent public necessity for the increase of the police force in the Central Park.

10. The increase of the appropriation made to the Police Department for Cleaning the streets of this City, from \$650,000 to \$754,231.25, is overruled, as an expenditure in excess of what is required for the purpose, but in order to provide an amount necessary to perform the service efficiently, the appropriation made in the Provisional Estimate is raised to the sum of \$690,000.

11. The addition of \$90,000 to the appropriation for the Police Department for the "Purchase of lot and erection

of new Station-house for Sixth Precinct Police," \$50,000, and for "Building new Station-house for Twenty-eighth Precinct Police," \$40,000, is overruled, and an appropriation of \$60,000 is made for the purpose of building and completing two new Station-houses, one of which shall be in the Sixth Ward.

12. The reduction of the appropriation made to the Department of Public Works for "Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stopcocks, etc.," from \$75,000 to \$50,000, is overruled, and the sum of \$62,500 is appropriated for the purpose, exclusive of salaries, because the Commissioner of Public Works states that at least that amount is necessary for the purpose.

13. The addition to the appropriation to the Police Department of "Pay for 100 Additional Policemen," is overruled, as an increase in the expenditure for the service which should not be incurred at this time, and may, in the interest of the public, be dispensed with.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

Secretary.

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